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London cabs showcase best of 'WOW Philippines'

By Volt Contreras

THE "WOW PHILIPPINES" TOURISM campaign has found a new vehicle, literally.

Up to 50 taxicabs in London have shed off their familiar all-black coat in favor of an eye-catching design depicting Philippine leisure attractions and cultural icons.

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WOW PHILIPPINES goes to London via the city's famed gleaming black cabs, 50 of which are now liveried with the country's hot tourist destination areas like the Banaue Rice Terraces and Bohol's Chocolate Hills. The sight of the "WOW" cabs bursting with the colors of a Filipino fiesta lined up in front of a city landmark like Harrod's department store is enough to lift the gloom of a typical foggy day in Londontown. DFA PHOTO

Break silence, US urged

Solons want brains of spy case named

By Philip C. Tubeza, Gil C. Cabacungan Jr. and Armand N. Nocum

THREE SENIOR ADMINISTRATION LAWMAKERS urged the United States government yesterday to break its silence on the espionage case of the Federal Bureau of Investigation and immediately identify the brains so they could be charged before Philippine courts.

Representatives Antonio Cuenco (Cebu City), Marcelino Libanan (Eastern Samar) and Monico Puentevella (Bacolod) made the call as Malacanang reiterated its fear that the spying scandal could impair the Philippines' relations with the United States.

The case involves the alleged theft of secret FBI files dealing with the Philippines, some of which are politically damaging to President Macapagal-Arroyo.

Former Police Supt. Michael Ray Aquino has been indicted on conspiracy charges after he and his purported accomplice, Philippine-born ex-FBI analyst Leandro Aragoncillo, were detained by US authorities for spying.

In a joint statement, Cuenco, chair of the House committee on foreign affairs, and Libanan, vice chair of the committee on justice, said the indictment of Aquino should pave the way for the identification of their "masterminds who should likewise be charged, arrested and put behind bars" since the alleged espionage case was part of a coup plot against Ms Arroyo.

Cuenco said that whoever were the backers and financiers of Aquino were obviously quite close to him "for [him] to undertake illegal espionage operations in the most powerful country in the world."

He said US authorities should now identify the three active and former public officials to whom Aquino purportedly passed on the documents he received from Aragoncillo and provide the Philippines with a strong basis to file cases against them.

Detained former President Joseph Estrada has admitted receiving reports from Aragoncillo but said they were not of a confidential nature. Opposition Sen. Panfilo "Ping" Lacson said he had also received messages from Aquino but there was nothing sensitive about them.

Gabriel Claudio, presidential

BREAK/ A13

EV ESPIRITU/PDI NORTHERN LUZON BUREAU

DUTCH IGOROT Johanne Schorsch has been living and working like a native of the Cordillera mountains the past 27 years. Proud of being an Igorot, the Holland-born migrant has a G-string for work, for leisure, for festivals, for staying at home, and no doubt a very special one when he takes his oath as a Filipino citizen next year. He frequents the Maligcong rice terraces in Bontoc, Mt. Province, to help in the rice fields.

Dutchman finds freedom as an Igorot

By Vincent Cabreza
PDI Northern Luzon Bureau

BAGUIO CITY—FROM THE FLATLANDS of the Netherlands, this Dutchman found freedom in the mountains of the Philippines.

And the Igorot of the Cordillera and the Dumagat of the Sierra Madre, who became his neighbors and friends in the course of 27 years, are realizing that he has been teaching them to rediscover their own freedom as well.

Johanne Schorsch, 61, goes about his work and visits neighboring towns and upland communities in his bare feet and a worn-out *bahag* (G-string).

His neighbors are delighted by the sight of the bearded Schorsch walking kilometers to the next village toting a bag of rice.

But not everyone is amused. In Baguio, for example, Schorsch draws catcalls whenever he strolls downtown half-naked and barefoot.

Filmmaker Jo Banasan said the spectacle of a white man in a G-string living among the mountain folk had started to offend a number of Cordillera professionals.

In a documentary film, "Whisper of the Gentle Breeze," Banasan captured the cynicism of young Igorots who view the Dutchman with distaste.

"They sometimes confront Schorsch

DUTCHMAN/ A13

JOAN BONDOC

SIXTY IS the new 40, or so it would seem when grandmothers take to the ramp to swing and sway, if carefully, to the beat of a fashion show organized by the Philippine United Senior Citizens Association to celebrate Elderly Week led by the DSWD.

WEEK OF THE ELDERLY

Senior supermodels take to the catwalk

By Blanche S. Rivera

SIXTY COULD, INDEED, BE THE NEW 40 looking at the way women in their golden years strutted their stuff like seasoned fashion models.

Some 40 grandmothers—between 60 and 90 years old—walked the ramp Friday afternoon in an event called "Kimona ni Lola," a fashion show organized by the Philippine United Senior Citizens Association (Pusca) to celebrate Elderly Week.

The show brought back the golden girls' memories of their lost youth—when they were beautiful and adored.

"When you're old, you tend to feel ugly ... but today, I feel like a queen," said Letty Romero, 72, looking radiant in her pink gown.

This was her second time to join Pusca's fashion show, and like any "model," getting ready for the show, she spent two hours at the salon. And she's proud of the results: Her eyebrows were clean and well-shaped, her cheeks had just enough blush, and her hair was pulled back in a bun drawing attention to her elfin face.

At 87, Maxima Mercado-Rizal, grandchild of the country's national hero Jose Rizal, could well be the oldest of the girls.

"When I was young, all I ever did was take care of my children, make sure they go to school. Now that I'm old, happy-happy *na ako* (I do things to make myself happy)," she said.

Like Romero, this lola was not a novice on the senior citizens' catwalk. It was her third time to walk the ramp for Pusca's fashion show, now in its fifth year.

She wore an eye-catching Muslim-inspired terno (woman's formal attire) that she designed herself.

With 60 years of experience as a *modista* (dressmaker), it was a cinch to sew on the butterflies as well as a strip of violet fur on her *sinamay* top. She said she finished her ensemble in one week.

"I'm very proud to be here," she said.

Her daughter Frances, 51, said the family came all the way from Laguna to attend the fashion show.

"We support Pusca's activities because they make my mother happy. Besides, soon enough, I will be a senior citizen and who knows I might take her place on the ramp,"

SENIOR/ A5

WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms becoming widespread over Northern Luzon. Mindanao will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.
SOURCE: PAGASA

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Calapan	Cloudy with Rains	Davao	Cloudy with Rains

Bad drugs, not bird flu, killed chickens

By Christine Gaylican

LOCAL ANIMAL EXPERTS YESTERDAY DECLARED the Philippines was still free of the deadly bird flu virus that has ravaged other Southeast Asian countries after tests taken on 50 dead chickens on a farm near Calumpit, Bulacan, yielded negative results.

"Blood samples taken from at least two birds indicate that they did not die of bird flu but of defective drugs that were given them with their drinking water," said Bureau of Animal Industry Director Davinio Catbagan in a phone interview yesterday.

Government veterinarians had rushed to the village on Friday and ran laboratory tests on blood samples overnight after interviewing the poultry raisers who had administered an antibiotic to their chickens that had been ill with cold-like symptoms.

The veterinarians found that the chickens died from drinking water contaminated by the "unlabeled antibiotic" bought in the local market and ruled out bird flu as the cause, said Catbagan.

According to Catbagan, the antibiotic capsules mixed with the water only worsened the condition of the chickens and even caused their deaths. He declined to identify the antibiotic.

He said the police were investigating the source of the drug.

"Definitely it was not avian flu and it was a non-viral disease," he said.

"This is to assure the public that we are still free of the avian influenza," he added.

Catbagan noted that 20 chickens that did not drink the infected water were unaffected.

Government authorities have been wary of flu-like symptoms occurring in poultry in Calumpit where a low-risk strain of bird flu was discovered in a duck farm in July.

The discovery prompted officials to impose a three-kilometer quarantine zone around the farm, where 230 ducks were culled. The ducks may have been infected by migratory birds, officials said at the time.

That farm is about two kilometers from the village where the chickens died.

The Department of Agriculture and its attached agencies and the Department of Environment and Natural Resources have been closely monitoring towns nationwide that are near or surrounded by marshlands, which could be primary destinations of migratory birds the remaining months of the year.

Health experts fear migratory birds could carry the virus into the country.

The Bird Flu Prevention Task Force has begun monitoring nine of 20 priority areas frequented by migratory birds, which are known carriers of the virus.

Among the areas monitored are the Candaba Swamp in Pampanga; Agusan provinces; Ilocos Norte; Zambonga peninsula; Tuguegarao in Cagayan; Cebu; Isabela, and Palawan and Victoria in Laguna. *With an AP report*

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Military admits chasing Indons for 4 months

ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS ACKNOWLedged yesterday that the Armed Forces of the Philippines had been trying to track down two Indonesian militants blamed for the 2000 Bali bombings for the last four months in Mindanao to no avail.

But with the $10 million reward placed by Washington on the head of Dulmatin, one of the alleged masterminds, and $1 million on his assistant, Umar Patek, former Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Benjamin Defensor (ret.) is confident the authorities will soon catch up with these members of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah terror group. Many Indonesians like Dulmatin use only one name.

"You can expect an intensified effort," said Defensor, who has been designated ambassador-at-large for counterterrorism. "Remember the reward is $10 million, that is P560 million that will make you comfortable even beyond this lifetime. The amount alone suggests that a lot of people will go after them wherever they are."

Defensor and Ricardo Blancaflor, defense undersecretary, spoke with reporters shortly after a meeting of their antiterrorism task force with President Macapagal-Arroyo in Malacañang.

In Cotabato City, meanwhile, the commander of the 2nd Marine Brigade, Brig. Gen. Benjamin Dolorfino, told the INQUIRER that Dulmatin and Patek had been sighted last month on the outskirts of Datu Saudi Ampatuan town in Maguindanao.

They were reportedly in the company of Abu Sayyaf leader Kahadaffy Janjalani and some of his followers. Earlier reports said the Indonesian militants had figured in a firefight with government troops but escaped, and another report said Patek had been killed.

Blancaflor said the task force had put out posters seeking information on Dulmatin and Patek as early as June but there has been no response so far. *Gil Cabacungan, with a report from Jeoffrey Maitem, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

Bill would slash media 'freebies'

SEN. MIRIAM DEFENSOR-SANTIAGO WANTS A Code of Professional Standards enacted covering the practice of political PR or public relations, saying its practitioners should not be allowed to corrupt communication channels and government processes to advance their lobbying interests.

"The practice of political public relations, including lobbying, can influence debates on national policy issues, as illustrated by the now infamous Venable contract," Santiago said, referring to the controversial P50-million government contract with an American lobby firm to obtain US congressional funding for Charter change.

"We want to regulate it so that those engaged in political public relations will be guided by truth, accuracy, fairness and responsibility to the public in all their professional dealings," she said, in filing Senate Bill No. 1482.

Once enacted into law, Santiago said, her bill would prohibit practices that make media and government representatives beholden to PR practitioners.

These practices, she said, include the following:

- The giving of gifts of more than nominal value.
- Any form of payment or compensation made in order to obtain preferential or guaranteed news or editorial coverage.
- Any retainer or fee to a media employee or use of such employee if retained by a client or employer, where the circumstances are not fully disclosed to and accepted by the media employer.
- Providing trips to media representatives that are unrelated to legitimate news interests.
- The use by a practitioner of an investment or loan or advertising commitment made by the practitioner, or his client or employer, to obtain preferential or guaranteed media coverage.

Most of these guidelines are covered in the INQUIRER Manual of Editorial Policies concerning journalist ethics.

Santiago, however, said her bill would not prohibit invitations to meals, cocktails and special events that could be occasions for the exchange of information. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

Reyes: CPR by any name same as laws on assembly

By Norman Bordadora

THE CALIBRATED PREEMPTIVE RESPONSE (CPR) policy against protest rallies should be dropped altogether because it is causing confusion both among the Philippine National Police and the public it seeks to protect, Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes said yesterday.

"[CPR] is just another term for implementing the laws governing public assemblies. It's still maximum tolerance. It's still no permit, no rally," Reyes said in a phone interview.

He added: "Since it is causing confusion and is misappreciated by the police and the public, it might as well be dropped. It is nothing but a new terminology."

Malacañang had earlier announced that CPR would replace the maximum tolerance policy on protest rallies, especially those held without a permit.

Subsequently, rallies protesting CPR, among other issues, were violently dispersed by antiriot police for three consecutive days last week. Photos and TV footage captured brutal police action against protesters, including elderly women.

But Reyes, concurrent chair of the National Police Commission, said: "CPR is still about the rule of law. So many meanings were just attached to it."

He likened the meaning of CPR and the "no permit, no rally" policy to the terms "squatters" and "informal settlers."

"They are one and the same," he said.

The Commission on Human Rights has called for a consultative meeting of representatives of government agencies this week to try to make heads or tails of CPR.

"Once and for all, all parties involved in the staging of street demos, including authorities implementing public order, must sit down to straighten out issues that have lately become serious public concern," CHR chair Purificacion Quisumbing said.

Earlier, Quisumbing said an application for a rally permit that was not acted upon by authorities could be presumed to be granted.

But if the PNP has its CPR, the Armed Forces has its "calibrated response" or "proportionate force" policy.

Army chief Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon yesterday warned that persons trying to recruit soldiers to join "destabilization" efforts against the government would be "invited for questioning" or arrested, depending on the evidence.

"The Philippine Army will use calibrated response or proportionate force against destabilizers," Esperon said in a statement.

If they resist arrest, "the Army will give them what they have been asking for," he added.

The calibrated response policy only means that the suspected recruiters would be shot if they fire back at the arresting officers, according to Esperon. *With Dona Z. Pazzibugan*

Oil firms hike gas, LPG prices

OIL FIRMS AGAIN RAISED THE PRICES OF their gasoline, diesel and kerosene by 50 centavos a liter and of their liquefied petroleum gas by P1 a kilogram, as world oil prices continued to ride high.

First to hike fuel and cooking gas prices was Caltex Philippines Inc. at 12:01 a.m. yesterday, followed by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp. at 6 a.m.

Eastern Petroleum Corp. jacked up gasoline, diesel and kerosene prices at 10 p.m. yesterday. Unioil Petroleum Philippines Inc. increased prices four hours earlier but by 51 centavos a liter.

Total (Philippines) Corp. raised prices at 12:01 a.m. this morning while Flying V will raise its prices tomorrow at 12:01 a.m. Total raised its LPG price by P2.

Petron Corp. had yet to announce its own price adjustments as of press time.

Although international prices had started to let up, they remained relatively high, prompting local oil firms to again hike fuel and cooking gas prices.

According to data from the Department of Energy, the regional benchmark Dubai crude reached an Oct. 1-6 average of $53.87 a barrel from $56.54 a barrel as of Sept. 29.

The price of unleaded gasoline based on the Mean of Platts Singapore (MOPS) benchmark for refined petroleum products also hit an average of $71.25 a barrel in the first six days of October, down from the Sept. 1-29 average of $79.62 a barrel.

MOPS-based diesel likewise fell to an Oct. 1-6 average of $78.95 a barrel from an average of $79.55 a barrel as of Sept. 29.

The international contract price of liquefied petroleum gas, however, surged to an all-time high of $519 per metric ton (MT), up by almost $80 from the September price of $440.20 per MT.

Since the start of the year, gasoline prices have increased 20 times by a total of P10.35 a liter, while diesel fuel prices have gone up 19 times by a total of P9.55 a liter. Cooking gas prices have also risen nine times by a total of P6.15 per kilogram.

Premium unleaded gasoline now retails at between P35.05 and P35.92 a liter, diesel at between P31.29 and P33.85 a liter, kerosene at between P32.60 and P34 a liter, and LPG at between P411 and P473 per 11-kilogram cylinder *Abigail L. Ho*

JdV: Transition may take 15 yrs

By Philip C. Tubeza

IT LOOKS LIKE PRESIDENT MACAPAGal-Arroyo is bent on staying in office until 2010 even with her administration's initiative for Charter change (Cha-cha).

In an apparent move to ease Palace fears that Ms Arroyo's term would be cut short by Cha-cha, Speaker Jose de Venecia yesterday said House proposals to amend the 1987 Constitution included a "10- to 15-year" transition period to a parliamentary form of government.

Per De Venecia's earlier proposal, Ms Arroyo may leave office by 2007 once the recommended changes are approved. But in the words of one of the Speaker's closest House allies, Malacañang last week "callously rebuked" De Venecia for his proposal.

De Venecia disclosed the 10- to 15-year transition period in the course of announcing that Ms Arroyo had called leaders of her political party, Kabalikat ng Malayang Pilipino (Kampi), to fully back the Lakas-led campaign for Cha-cha and shift the country to a unicameral parliamentary government.

"There is no going back on this campaign. We have the President's full commitment and the highest assurances that [Cha-cha] will go full steam ahead, as she has announced," he said in a statement.

Kampi leaders said on Thursday they would block efforts to transform Congress into a constituent assembly for Cha-cha until the Consultative Commission (Concom) formed by Ms Arroyo submits its recommendations.

The Speaker said the 48-member Concom, which had begun its review of the Charter as well as nationwide consultations, would submit its final recommendations "not later than Dec. 15."

Cagayan de Oro Rep. Constantino Jaraula, chair of the House committee on constitutional amendments, said he met with Concom members for "three hours" on Thursday.

"They were more concerned about transitory provisions—that there would be a guaranteed full term for the President," he told the INQUIRER on Friday.

Jaraula's committee has submitted Report No. 1065 to the committee on rules—an indication that plenary debates on Cha-cha could start as early as next week.

The report proposes, among other amendments, cutting short the President's term and reducing the office to that of "symbolic head of state," leaving all executive powers in the hands of a prime minister.

When Kampi got wind of the submission of the report, it promptly withdrew support for Cha-cha.

Rep. Ronaldo Puno, Kampi president, said the party's stand was that the plenary debate should start after the Concom had submitted its recommendations.

"The showdown is inevitable," said Palawan Rep. Abraham Mitra, a leader of the Liberal Party, which is allied with the majority coalition in the House.

Mitra said Kampi wanted a reorganization of House committee chairmanships first before starting the debate on Cha-cha.

"The Speaker is under pressure to accommodate Kampi's wishes [for some chairmanships] in exchange for Cha-cha support," he said.

But De Venecia said he saw no conflict between the Concom's work and the plenary debate on Cha-cha.

"They can go hand in hand. These are two complementary moves because we are being guided by the same philosophy in seeking Charter amendments," he said. *With Michael Lim Ubac and Juliet Labog-Javellana*

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PRIDE OF PLACE: Ambassador to the Court of St. James's Edgardo Espiritu with Mrs. Espiritu is enthused over the promo campaign which he describes as "inspired, attention-getting and eye-catching." DFA PHOTO

London cabs ...

From page A1

For the next six months, the fleet will cruise the city and double as mobile advertisements for the "Wow" brand name, flashing fiesta colors in the usually drizzly and overcast street scenes of the British capital.

A Department of Foreign Affairs statement on the new tourism campaign would give one an idea of what commuters would see on a normal day in London.

Each taxi sports a wraparound photomontage of a tropical paradise: Diving spots and water sports, sailboats, white sand beaches and an island sunset, golf courses, as well as specific Filipiniana images like the Masskara Festival of Bacolod, the Chocolate Hills of Bohol, the Banaue Rice Terraces and a Filipino woman in ethnic dress.

Countering fears

The Department of Tourism and the Philippine Embassy in London launched the campaign on Sept. 30, with a motorcade featuring 10 of the cabs down London's major thoroughfares.

It was a marketing pitch directed at one of the Western countries that has repeatedly cautioned its citizens against traveling to the Philippines, particularly to some parts of Mindanao, for fear of kidnappings or terror attacks.

The UK's advisories have been discouraging nonessential trips to central, southern and western Mindanao, as well as to the Sulu archipelago, including Basilan, Tawi-Tawi and Jolo.

Despite the renewed warnings, the DOT last July reported a 13-percent increase in the number of British visitors to the country, compared to arrivals recorded in the same period last year.

From 5,477 in July 2004, a total of 6,188 Britons visited the country a year later, remaining the biggest group of nationals that the Philippines draws from a European country.

However, they make up a measly 2.6 percent of the total number of foreign tourists recorded in that period. South Koreans were the most numerous at 20 percent (47,265 in July 2005) followed by Americans at 19.1 percent (45,075).

Ritzy Harrods

The launching parade led by Ambassador Edgardo Espiritu, the country's envoy to the Court of St. James's, passed by the city's famous routes and landmarks, like the Marble Arch, Oxford and Regent Streets, Picadilly Circus, Haymarket, Trafalgar Square, Westminster Abbey, the Parliament building and the ritzy Harrods department store.

It was a well-attended opener covered by the local press and graced by London-based travel industry executives, the DFA said at the weekend.

Represented by tourism attaché Domingo Enerio III, the DOT tapped typical London taxi drivers for this latest marketing gimmick in partnership with Taxi Promotions UK headed by manager Asher Moses.

Senior supermodels ...

From page A1

Frances said.

Unique outfit

Julieta Zano, 68, has been a member of Pusca for five years and always looked forward to these big events. This year, she wanted to stand out in the fashion show and decided to embellish her outfit with mussel and clam shells.

Zano sewed a sinamay top with butterfly sleeves. She found a long beige skirt in an *ukay-ukay* shop near her house which she bought for P40. Then she glued mussel shells in the shape of flowers to the blouse and skirt. The result was a unique outfit.

"I used to dislike joining groups, but since my husband died in 1984, I started to seek the company of other people. I'm so happy now because I am experiencing the things I missed when I was younger, like this show. You would never find me in a fashion show in my youth," she said.

The Department of Social Welfare and Development spearheaded the celebration of Elderly Week on Oct. 1-7. It sought to call attention to the plight and welfare of the country's 5.2 million senior citizens, as well as recognize their role in nation-building.

Inspiration

Besides the fashion show, Pusca also organized "Walk for Life" on Oct. 1, gathering senior citizens from Pusca's Metro Manila chapters for an afternoon of exercise and fun.

"The presence of other seniors gives inspiration to others. A lot of elderly people look forward to these kinds of get-together," said Marilen Altarejos, a 60-year-old businesswoman from Pusca's Ayala-Alabang chapter.

She and her two friends, Greta Lauron and Vicky de Armas, both 61, joined the fashion show as guests. The trio flaunted their modern and elegant Filipiniana dresses, comfortably walking in stilettos.

Beauty and grace

"We don't feel our age ... I think the older generation has evolved. We no longer just stay at home. We're busy; we help others. We are involved in church activities and we pamper our grandchildren," Lauron said.

Whether in dusters or in gowns, the golden girls still run after their *apo* (grandchildren). Grandparents live for their grandchildren, De Armas said.

"Since we live a comfortable life, we tend to give our grandchildren what we were not able to give to our kids," Altarejos says.

Although they worry about their health and the country's—which they pray would make a turnaround for the sake of their grandchildren—the three lolas set aside their concerns for an evening of fashion, beauty and grace.

Corrections

IN THE CAPTION of the front page picture of Indonesian terror suspect Umar Patek, he was incorrectly identified as Dulmatin, who carries a $10-million bounty for his capture. $1 million is offered for Patek. The pictures of the two Indonesian terror suspects are shown here.

In yesterday's caption of a picture on Page A2, it was misstated that opposition Rep. Chiz Escudero attended Friday's Plaza Miranda rally. He did not.

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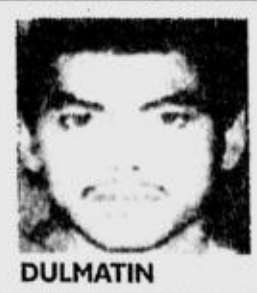

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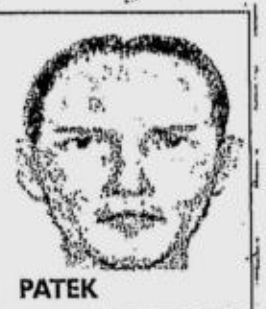

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Makati Med union calls off strike

By Clarissa S. Batino

THE MAKATI MEDICAL CENTER CAN concentrate on attracting new investors and solving its debt problems now that its employees union has called off a threatened strike and accepted a management offer of an additional monthly living allowance of P750 per employee, the union said yesterday.

"We want an investor to come in, and also the banks to help the hospital out with the loans," Willy Pulia, president of the Makati Medical Center Employees Association, told the INQUIRER in an interview. "We have resolved our differences."

"Management told us they even have expansion plans like putting up a new building," Pulia added.

The union filed a notice of strike on Sept. 12 after negotiations with management on a new two-year collective bargaining agreement (CBA) were deadlocked over a union demand for an 11-percent salary increase which the hospital said it could not afford.

The hospital, which suffered losses totaling P300 million from 2002 to 2004, is trying to restructure P1.2 billion in bank debts and attract at least P100 million in fresh capital. Last June, it laid off 295 employees, more than half of them union members. It still employs about 1,600 people.

The hospital's president, Gabino Mendoza, said earlier that if the strike had pushed through, management would have been forced to close down the 40-year-old institution, because its creditors and would-be investors would have become even more nervous.

But during mediation by the Department of Labor and Employment, the union no longer pressed for the wage increase it had demanded but settled instead for an additional living allowance as management asked for a two-year moratorium on wage hikes.

Under the deal, the employees will receive a P760 monthly allowance over two years, Pulia said, adding that each one will receive a lump sum of P7,600 in November covering allowances from March until the end of the year.

There were also non-economic benefits that workers will receive, Pulia said.

He said the breakthrough came during a seven-hour dialogue between labor and management at the labor department last Thursday, just one day before union members were to have voted on whether to go on strike or not.

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Explain ruling on bail, Erap lawyer asks court

By Nelson F. Flores

FORMER SEN. RENE SAGUISAG yesterday asked the Sandiganbayan Special Division to clarify its ruling denying bail to former President Joseph Estrada who is facing plunder charges.

In a three-page manifestation, Saguisag specifically asked Special Division Presiding Justice Teresita de Castro and Associate Justices Francisco Villaruz and Diosdado Peralta to explain the portion of their decision that said Estrada had conceded the strength of prosecution's evidence against him.

Saguisag said that for the court to say the defense had conceded the evidence of guilt was strong "was gravely erroneous on two counts, with all due respect."

First, Saguisag said, "No one among us [defense lawyers] made such a concession [which is] so inconsistent with what we have tried to do for more than a year now."

Second, such a concession "would have been meaningless as this Honorable Court was bound to make its separate evaluation, were this a bail hearing, which it was not."

He also said that "a supposed concession of guilt or weakness of an accused in a capital offense is of no moment."

Saguisag said that depending on the court's clarification, the defense may ask the three magistrates to inhibit themselves from the case for prejudging it.

He said his position was in consonance with the agreed upon action to be undertaken by the defense panel.

"The doves prevailed in that we should first move to reconsider or clarify why it was stated that we had conceded that the evidence of guilt was strong," Saguisag said.

On Oct. 5, the Sandiganbayan Special Division denied Estrada's motion for bail. A portion of the decision said Estrada himself "concedes" the evidence of his guilt is strong.

In another development, the court gave Estrada permission to build a library at his sprawling estate in Tanay, Rizal, where he is being held while undergoing trial.

In a resolution, the Sandiganbayan said the construction of the library, as requested by Estrada's daughter Jackie Ejercito-Lopez on Aug. 22, could be allowed given that the library site shall be within the perimeters of the detention center.

But the court said the library should be only for Estrada's personal use and will not be open to the public.

Lopez had petitioned the court to allow her JELP Real Estate Development Corp. to build a residential and library building for the use of the Estrada family at the Tanay estate.

The court, however, denied the request for a residence citing security concerns and violation of Estrada's custodial conditions.

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Barangay, SK polls reset to 2007

THE COMMISSION on Elections yesterday said the synchronized barangay and Sanggunian Kabataan elections scheduled for the end of the month have been definitely postponed to Oct. 29, 2007.

This means the incumbent barangay and SK chairs and *kagawads*, who were elected in 2002, would have two more years in office unless removed sooner for valid cause, said Comelec Chair Benjamin Abalos Sr.

Abalos said President Macapagal-Arroyo had signed Republic Act No. 9340 into law, postponing the local political exercise.

The Comelec had sought a P2.8-billion budget for the elections but Congress failed to allocate the money. The 2002 barangay and SK elections cost the Comelec P1 billion. In 2000, the elections were also postponed for lack of funds.

Abalos had earlier proposed the elections be postponed until 2008 and that the resulting three-year extension be considered one full term for the incumbents. Under the law, barangay and SK officials are only allowed three consecutive three-year terms.

The Comelec chair also renewed his suggestion that barangay officials be appointed by city and town mayors to save money and reduce conflicts.

"I think barangay officials should no longer be elective because, to be realistic and based on my own experience as a local executive, they just act as executive arms of the mayors," said Abalos, a former Mandaluyong City mayor.

"Whatever happens in a town or city it's the mayor who is ultimately responsible," he said.

Postponing the barangay and SK elections would also give the Department of the Interior and Local Government and Congress time to finish revising the laws on empowering barangays and the standards for their creation. *Jerome Aning*

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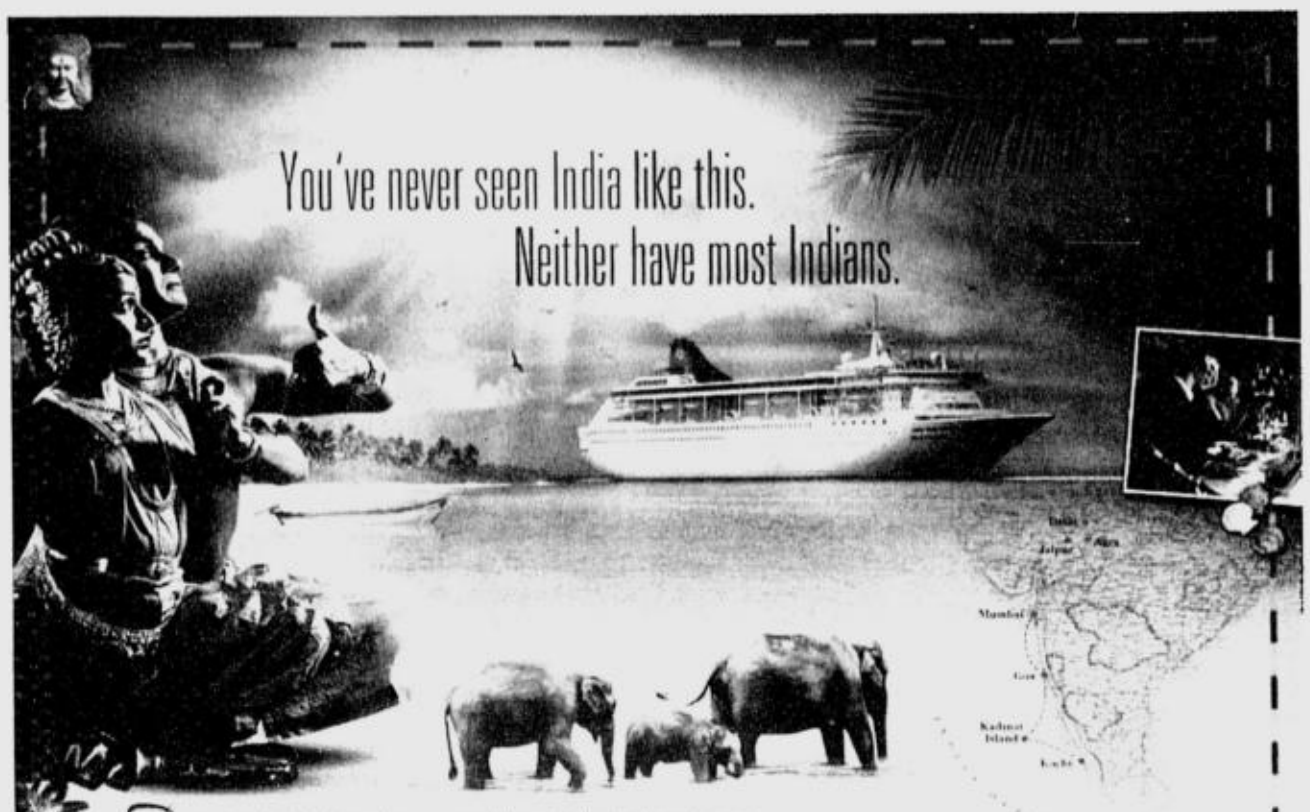

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7.6-quake sows terror in South Asia

PAKISTANI residents stand on the debris of a collapsed multi-story building hit by a strong earthquake in Lahore, Oct. 8. AFP

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN—A POWERFUL 7.6-magnitude earthquake reduced villages to rubble in Pakistan, India and Afghanistan on Saturday, killing hundreds of people. Pakistan's army described the damage as widespread and said it included villages buried in quake-induced landslides.

Pakistan's Geo television quoted Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan, the Pakistani army's chief spokesperson, as saying 1,000 people were feared dead. Pakistani army officials who flew over quake-hit areas reported seeing hundreds of flattened homes in villages north of the capital Islamabad.

"The damage and casualties could be massive and it is a national tragedy," Sultan told The Associated Press. "The is the worst earthquake in recent times."

The US Geological Survey said on its website the quake hit at 8:50 a.m. local time and had a magnitude of 7.6. It was centered about 100 km northeast of Islamabad in the forested mountains of Pakistani Kashmir.

Damage was extensive in Kashmir, the disputed Himalayan territory divided between India and Pakistan. Officials in the Indian-controlled portion reported 190 dead, including 20 soldiers who perished in a landslide. At least 800 were injured.

Air Force and Army personnel helped civilian authorities rescue people trapped under buildings. Telephone lines were down. Bridges had developed cracks, but traffic was passing over them.

At least 100 people died in Mansehra district in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province, and 70 percent of mud-brick homes in quake-hit areas collapsed, said Asif Iqbal, the provincial information minister.

More than 60 people died, many of them buried in debris, in a village near Kaghan valley in the same province, said Ataullah Khan Wazir, a regional police chief. He said one Chinese engineer working on a water dam project died and another was injured when boulders loosened by tremors hit them.

In eastern Afghanistan, an 11-year-old girl was crushed to death when a wall in her home collapsed, said police official Gafar Khan. In Kabul, a teacher died when the shock of the quake triggered a heart attack, officials said.

The quake brought down a 10-story apartment building in Islamabad and dozens of people were feared trapped in the rubble. Rescuers pulled out at least 20 injured people. Some residents were Westerners, a building employee said.

A man named Rehmatullah who lived nearby said he saw dust from the buckled building from his bathroom window. "I rushed down, and for some time you could not see anything because of the dust. Then we began to look for people in the rubble," said Rehmatullah. "We pulled out one man by cutting off his legs."

"It was terrible. I was tossed up in my bed and the ceiling fan struck against the roof," said Nauman Ali, who lived in a nearby top-floor apartment.

Aided by two large cranes, hundreds of police and soldiers helped remove chunks of concrete. A rescue worker said he initially heard faint cries from people trapped in the rubble.

Pakistani President Gen. Pervez Musharraf and Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz ordered the military to extend "all-out help" to quake-hit areas and appealed to the nation to stay calm. AP

Deadliest quakes worldwide

HONG KONG—THE following are some of the deadliest earthquakes worldwide over the last 100 years, with estimates of surface magnitude. The Richter scale of magnitude did not come into being until 1935:

- Dec. 26, 2004—Banda Aceh, Indonesia: More than 220,000 people were killed after an undersea earthquake off the Indonesian island of Sumatra sparked a tsunami wave that struck countries around the Indian Ocean. Magnitude more than 9.0
- Dec. 26, 2003—Bam, Iran: At least 31,884 people died and 18,000 are injured. Magnitude 6.7
- June 20, 1990—Northwestern Iran: More than 40,000 killed and 100,000 injured. Magnitude 7.7
- July 28, 1976—Tangshan City in Hebei province, China: 242,000 dead and 164,000 injured. Magnitude 7.8
- May 31, 1970—Mount Huascaran, Peru: Earthquake and subsequent avalanche killed 66,800. Magnitude 7.5
- Dec. 26, 1939—Erzincan, Turkey: 35-40,000 killed. Magnitude 8.0
- May 30, 1935—Quetta, India (now Pakistan): More than 50,000 killed. Magnitude 7.6
- May 23, 1927—Gansu province, China: Up to 80,000 thought to have died. Magnitude 8.0
- May 22, 1927—Nanshan province, China: Up to 200,000 people may have been killed. Magnitude 8.0
- Sept. 1, 1923—Yokohama, Japan: More than 140,000 people died in earthquake and subsequent fire. Magnitude 8.2
- Dec. 16, 1920—Ningxia, China: About 235,000 reported killed. Magnitude 8.5
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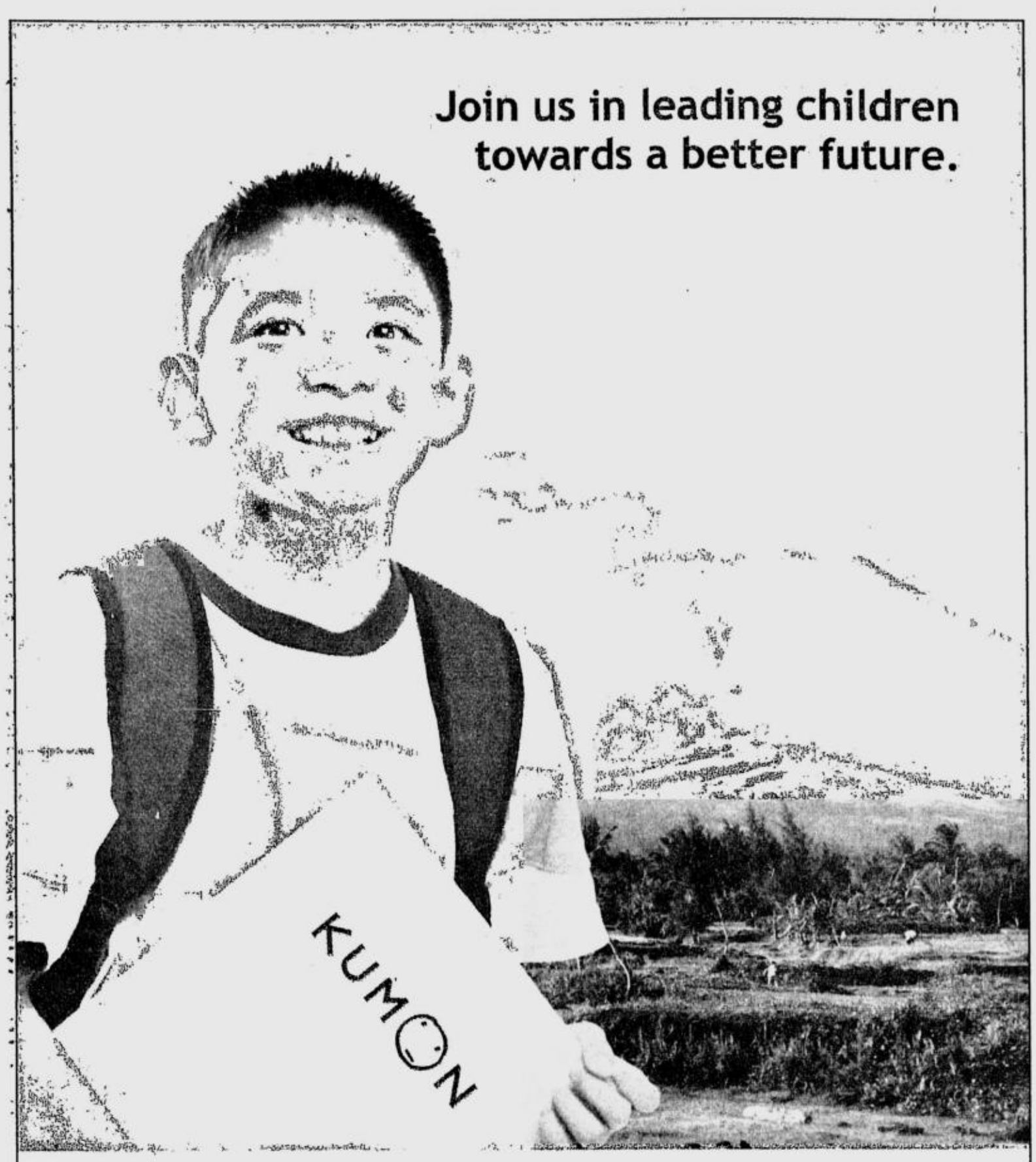

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Bombs in baby carriages to hit NY subway in plot

NEW YORK—DETAILS EMERGED about an alleged plot to attack the New York City subway system with bombs hidden in bags and possibly baby strollers as local and federal officials disputed the credibility of the threat.

A US Department of Homeland Security memo obtained by The Associated Press said the attack was reportedly scheduled to take place on or around Sunday, with terrorists using timed or remote-controlled explosives hidden in briefcases, suitcases or in or under strollers.

The memo said that the department had received information indicating the attack might be carried out by "a team of terrorist operatives, some of whom may travel or who may be in the New York City area."

The memo, issued Wednesday to state and local officials, said that Homeland Security and FBI agents doubted the credibility of the information, but it provided four pages of advice about averting a possible attack.

In Iraq, authorities detained a third suspect in the plot and investigated whether a fourth had traveled to New York as part of the scheme, according to a law enforcement official familiar with the case.

The official said the man's trip to New York was described by an informant who had spent time in Afghanistan and proved reliable in past investigations. But the official, who spoke on condition of anonymity because of the ongoing investigation, added that authorities had not confirmed whether the fourth man even exists.

Those arrested had received explosives training in Afghanistan, the law enforcement official said Friday. They had planned to travel through Syria to New York, and then meet with operatives to carry out the bombings.

A federal official said one of the suspects arrested in Iraq apparently told interrogators that more than a dozen people were involved in the plot, and that they were of various nationalities, including Afghans, Syrians and Iraqis. The official spoke on condition of anonymity because the investigation is ongoing.

Several of these details related to the suspects were first reported by ABC News.

In Baghdad, spokespersons for the US military and the US Embassy declined to comment about the arrests. Department of Homeland Security spokesperson Brian Doyle also said the government has no information that the fourth person possibly connected to the plot "is either here or even exists."

Pentagon spokesperson Bryan Whitman said the military obtained intelligence information "during the normal course of our operations." The intelligence led to a military raid in Iraq this week that was conducted by Iraqi security forces, backed by US troops, Whitman said, but added that there was no direct link between the raid and the New York subway threat.

Homeland security officials in Washington downplayed the threat and said it was of "doubtful credibility."

But Mayor Michael Bloomberg and police commissioner Ray Kelly vigorously defended their decision to discuss the threat publicly Thursday.

"If I'm going to make a mistake you can rest assured it is on the side of being cautious," Bloomberg said at a news conference Friday.

US President George W. Bush, asked Friday if he thought New York officials had overreacted, said: "I think they took the information we gave and made the judgments they thought were necessary."

In New York, thousands of extra police officers flooded the city's subway system, pulling commuters out of rush-hour crowds and rifling through their bags or briefcases.

"Hopefully, God's with me and I'll be OK," Vinnie Stella said while clutching newspapers under his arm as he entered the subway at Penn Station. *AP*

Plan sees 1.9M Americans dead from bird flu outbreak

WASHINGTON—THE UNITED States is woefully unprepared for a possible outbreak of pandemic flu which could kill up to 1.9 million Americans, according to a draft official plan reported in the New York Times on Saturday.

The plan developed by the administration of President George W. Bush warns that hospitals would become overwhelmed, riots would engulf vaccination clinics and power and food supplies would be disrupted, the report said.

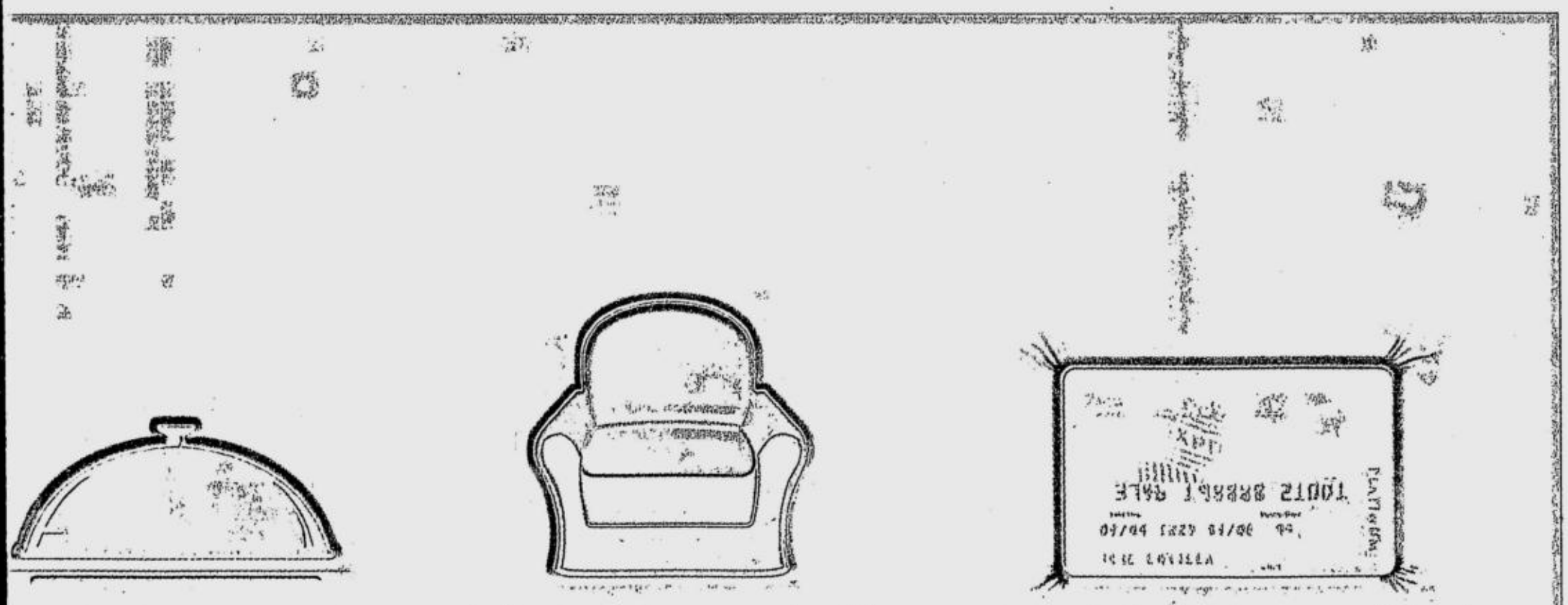
The outbreak, which could spread from Asia to the United States within a "few months or even weeks," could rapidly become the worst disaster in the country's history.

The 381-page plan calls for quarantine and travel restrictions but concedes that such measures "are unlikely to delay introduction of pandemic disease into the US by more than a month or two," the paper said.

The plan suggested specific ways local and state governments should prepare, such as drafting legal documents that would justify quarantines.

In a worst-case scenario, the report warned that more than 1.9 million Americans would die and 8.5 million would be hospitalized with costs exceeding $450 billion, the paper said.

It also called for domestic vaccine production capacity of 600 million doses within six months, more than 10 times the present capacity, according to The Times. *AFP*



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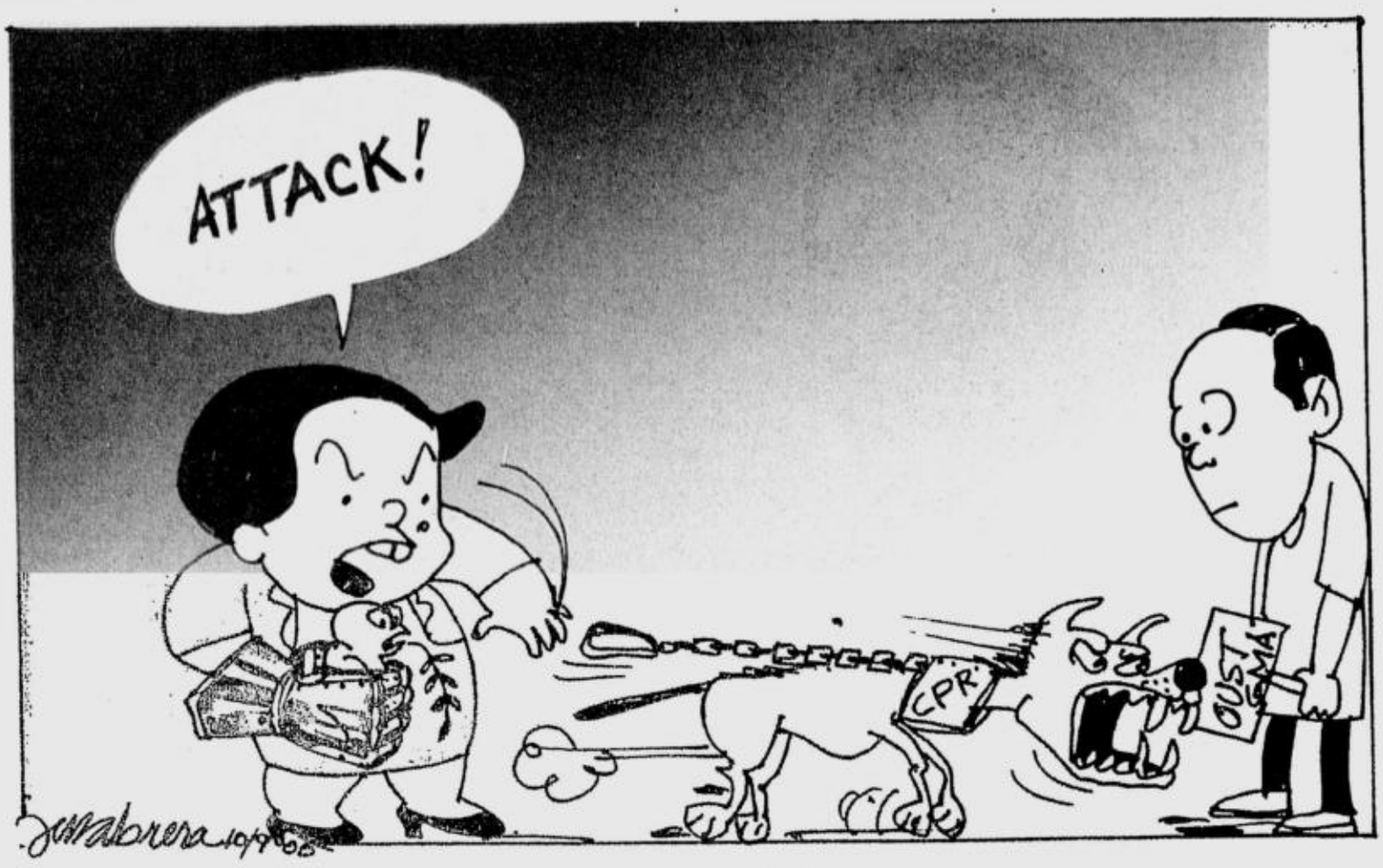

Negative image

WHO would have thought four months ago, when President Macapagal-Arroyo's crisis of legitimacy had just erupted, that her administration would handle the "negative impact" of street protests by provoking more rather than fewer demonstrations? But that is exactly what the President's recent get-tough policy on mass actions has done: Drive more people to the streets, and turn some of the protests violent.

EDITORIALS

Two congressmen have urged protesters to challenge Malacañang's "calibrated preemptive response" policy in the courts and not on the streets. Representatives Federico Sandoval II and Benasing Macarambon said they were worried about "the negative impact brought about by the rallies on the country's image, economy and peace and order situation."

But the two representatives are, not to put too fine a point on it, barking up the wrong tree. It is the new administration policy that has turned the impact of the rallies into a net negative. If the Palace had let well enough alone, the President would have returned from her chairing of the UN Security Council summit in New York City with the wind truly at her back. To be sure, the rallies would have continued, especially because the impeachment complaints against her had been thrown out by what her critics call a compliant Congress. **But they wouldn't have merited international attention.**

The truth is, protest demonstrations throughout this political crisis had never met expectations. Now, by the single stroke of the country's chief schoolmistress, who said she had grown tired of chasing the bully around the schoolyard, the news value of mass actions was changed from volume to frequency, from lack of critical mass to the near-certainty of violence.

Now, every single protest, with its potential for attention-grabbing clashes, is a front-page image-in-the-making. Every single protest is a potential international story. It is this new dynamic, in truth, that causes "negative impact."

Thus, the inevitable question: Is this what you really had in mind, Mrs. President?

Libel by label

THE OTHER day, the President used a regional cooperative summit in Koronadal, South Cotabato, and the latest news from the United States about the Leandro Aragoncillo-Michael Ray Aquino spy case to call her critics names.

To be sure, she also used the occasion to paint a picture different from the unflattering portraits included in the purloined US government documents. "I thank the US government that on the day I landed in New York in September, they arrested and exposed the robbers of classified information generated by US institutions," Ms Arroyo said.

This statement makes it seem that the arrest of Aragoncillo, a Filipino-American who is suspected of filching classified documents from both the Federal Bureau of Investigation and the office of US Vice President Dick Cheney, and Aquino, an ex-Philippine National Police official closely identified with opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson, was done as a favor to the President. It also minimizes the damage to the President of the unfavorable assessment generated by such "US institutions" as the American embassy in Manila.

But the President did not stop there. "Now these coup plotters and robbers of classified information are trying to cover up for their misdeeds," she added. She did not merely mean the two suspects already in US custody, but those in the Philippine opposition who corresponded (at the very least) with Aragoncillo and Aquino.

Unfortunately, the President did not even attempt to make a distinction between the different groups of people who comprise the opposition. Her blanket denunciation is thus alarmingly wide, covering everyone who opposes her.

This is a grievous mistake, because while it may be true that some Arroyo critics want her out, no matter the cause (and the cost), it is also true that other critics simply want her held accountable—for alleged election fraud, as detailed compellingly by the Hello Garci tapes, and for what can only be described as a thoroughgoing cover-up, as evidenced conclusively by ex-Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano's continuing absence.

Not every person opposed to the President is a coup plotter or a thief.

Unanswered letters

SEPARATE OPINION

Isagani A. Cruz

LAST SEPT. 3, I WROTE IN THIS COLUMN about the non-delivery, despite my repeated reminders, of the promo item Time magazine had promised me for subscribing to it. The following day, coincidentally or in reaction to my complaint, the missing 3-in-1 Time camera was sent to me by courier at eleven o'clock of that Sunday morning. There was no covering letter or explanation for the delay.

Several days later, I received a telephone call from a lady who expressed her support for my complaint. When she identified herself, I asked, "Is this the Aurora Pijuan who is one of the loveliest women in the Philippines?" She replied, "I hope so." I was much flattered by her call and thanked her for making my day. I also informed her that the advertised camera had finally been delivered to me and a Penny Fung from the Hong Kong customer service office of the magazine had called to express apologies for Time.

The following week I got a letter from Anthony Spaeth, Time's executive editor for Asia, who said he was glad my differences with them had been "ironed out." A few days later, Cecilia Mui, who had earlier assured me that I would receive the promised item in "three or four weeks," also wrote and apologized for the delay.

I was gratified by those responses and supposed that my unpleasant experience with the magazine, although later gracefully rectified, was a singular difficulty. But last week I received a letter from Edgardo G. Flores, a member of the provincial board of far-off Abra, who says he is also still waiting for his promo item, in his case a Time Adventure Watch. He says he has written Time about it but "was not even given the elementary courtesy of a reply."

Through this column, I am bringing this matter to the attention of the responsible authorities of Time who, I hope, will take the same favorable action that "ironed out" my grievances against it. My disappointment with Time has completely disappeared because of its subsequent self-reproach and I hope it will also appease Mr. Flores.

So that's one letter I have acknowledged, along with many others that, to my dismay, I have neglected although not intentionally. It's just that I may have been busy with one thing or another that I simply put off answering them immediately, only to later forget them entirely. I sincerely apologize to all those I have offended with my negligence and denied "the elementary courtesy of a reply."

I was trying to organize my hopelessly messed-up files last week and came upon one such forgotten letter. It was dated April 5, 2000, and came from Eduardo B. Olaguer, who deserved my special attention. He was the petitioner in the case of Olaguer v. Military Commission No. 34, 150 SCRA 144, decided by the Supreme Court in 1986 during our watch. It is now a leading case because it invalidated decisions of the military commissions during the Marcos dictatorship in cases under the jurisdiction of the regular courts.

I suppose Mr. Olaguer has long since stopped reading my column because of my impoliteness, but I hope someone will tell him about this one because I am apologizing to him here for seemingly disdaining his gracious letter. I will take this occasion to also express my abject regrets to all others who have also felt resentful over my failure to answer their letters, especially those that offered kind compliments to me or expressed agreement with my separate opinions.

There are letters, though, that I have intentionally ignored for reasons I have stated more than once in this column. These are those from persons requesting me to handle cases for them or at least review the correctness of their lawyers' moves and even the decisions of the Supreme Court. I will repeat that I am already retired from active practice and even lack an office staff to take dictation or type for me. I do everything myself except taming the computer.

Only recently, I received another batch of thick documents involving a decision of the Supreme Court that had long become final and executory. It came from a litigant to whom I regretfully cannot render any assistance. His evidence of his lawyer's negligence was purely verbal and was disbelieved by the justices, whose discretion, correct or not but not abused in my opinion, I cannot challenge.

So, to those persons with private complaints against any person, office or organization, I ask to be excused from helping them, not because of selfishness but due to a lack of energy. I'll be 81 years old this month. I'm now good only for criticizing the government and urging Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo to resign so that our country can, without her, move on to better times.

Surprise!

MOMENTS

Fr. Jerry M. Orbos, SVD

GUY 1: REMEMBER MY GIRLFRIEND WHOM I introduced to my millionaire grandfather last summer vacation?

Guy 2: Yeah, well, what about it?

Guy 1: Well, they got married. She is my grandmother now.

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In today's Gospel (Mt. 22, 1-14), Jesus talks about a wedding feast, and the many joys and surprises that come along with it.

Who wouldn't be honored to be invited to a wedding feast? It means that the couple treasure your presence in a most important moment of their lives, and that you matter to them. We are all invited to the great feast of Heaven. You and I are important to God. We matter to Him, but, sad to say, we often send our "regrets," or we snub and belittle His invitation altogether. Why? Because we have other "more important matters" to attend to. Or so we think, and before we know it, we have missed the most important matter in our lives.

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"Your most important appointment today is your appointment with God."

It would be good to reflect on these words as we go about our day to day tasks and businesses. Some of us are so "busy" that we often put God on the side and in hindsight. At the end of our lives, may we not be filled with regrets that we loved God too little, too late.

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Remember the story about a guy who found P100 on the road? He picked it up with much joy. And the story could have ended there on a happy note. But you know what happened? From then on, whenever he walked, his eyes would be focused on the road, hoping to find another P100 bill. And so it happened that after many years of walking with his back bent and his eyes focused on the ground, he became a hunchback. He didn't even care to see the sunset and he hardly looked at people's faces, all because he was looking for more P100 bills. He missed out on life as a feast and a celebration of simple joys, because his whole life had become one big search for money, more money, and more money.

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It is so consoling to know that we have a welcoming Father. God's love is greater, broader and more encompassing than we can imagine. It is sad when we ourselves limit God's love. In our insecurity and pride, may we not confine God in a box when we think of ourselves as more privileged and more loved than the others. After all these years, we still don't get it. God in heaven above must be shaking His head when He sees us, His children, still filled with hatred, envy, indifference and exclusivity toward one another.

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How welcoming are you? Are you approachable? Are you within reach? Do people have to put up with you? Do you shut out people because they are not of your own kind, class, smell, party, or religion?

The challenge for all of us is to keep on being open and vulnerable, instead of being comfortable. May God "disturb" us when we begin to think that we are owners and not tenants, immigrants and not pilgrims in this world.

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It is so sad that our country is racked by so much division and disunity these days. If only we really listened to God, then there would not be so much greed in our hearts. All this noise about power boils down to greed. I pray that we all be filled with God's spirit of love and generosity.

That's the problem. We have left out God in the way we conduct politics in our country.

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Think about it: When people knock at your door, it means they need you. But when droves of people rally at your door, it means they don't need you. When people knock at your door, it means they want to come in. When people rally at your door, it means they want you to come out.

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At very important and crucial moments of our history as a nation, Mama Mary was there for us. I believe that our Mother will bless our motherland with peace, unity and true progress soon. A folly maybe to some, but the lowly rosary is very powerful. Never underestimate the power of prayer. Pray on. Pray without ceasing. Pray desperately.

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Some 6,000 people joined us in the 3-hour "Walk with God" to Manaoag from Urdaneta City yesterday. We dedicated the walk for peace in our country. A word of thanks to Councilor Jean Sison and Urdaneta City Mayor Amadito Perez for their constant help and support all these years.

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By the way, did you hear the latest rumor? Guess who is three months on the way? Santa Claus! Yes, in three months, it will be Christmas again. I am praying and hoping that the atmosphere in our country then will be really festive and joyful like that of a wedding feast because we as a nation would have peace and unity by then.

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"It is wiser not to expect, but to hope, for in expecting we meet disappointments, whereas in hoping we invite surprises and miracles." One with you in prayer. One with you in hope.

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I am inviting you to a 5 p.m. Mass and concert for the benefit of our Filipino missionaries at the Meralco Theater on Oct. 29, 2005 on the occasion of my silver anniversary in the priesthood. For inquiries, please call 7217457 or 4147044.

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A moment with the Lord:

Lord, surprise us when we tend to limit the power of love and hope in our lives. Amen.

The SEA Games without basketball

REVEILLE

Ramon J. Farolan

FROM NOV. 27 TO DEC. 5 THIS YEAR, THE Philippines will be hosting for the third time the Southeast Asian Games (SEAG), an athletic event that is considered a smaller version of the Olympics for the countries in this region. What started as the Southeast Asian Peninsular (SEAP) Games in 1959 is now the SEA Games with 11 members participating, including the fledgling nation of East Timor.

Last week, representatives of the member countries joining the games were in town on a familiarization tour of the venues to be used for the various events. They were full of praise for the arrangements that were being put in place and diplomatically observed that the Philippines was favored to win the overall championship.

In 2003, Vietnam won the overall title, taking full advantage of host country benefits such as the presence of a hometown crowd and greater familiarity with the sports facilities that were utilized. They also prepared very well for the Games, training their athletes in an environment reminiscent of sports development programs in the former Soviet Union and East Germany.

In the case of the Philippines, however, host country advantages did not automatically translate into an overall title although in 1991—the second time we hosted the Games—we lost to Indonesia by only one gold medal.

But going back to our visitors, perhaps what may have weighed more on their minds, albeit unspoken, was the unsettled state of basketball competition in the Games.

A few weeks ago, I took note of how we have become lepers in the global basketball community, suspended from participating in all official international competitions and thus unable to include basketball in the coming SEA Games. The Federacion Internationale de Basketball (Fiba), the powerful body which dominates the game, had denied the request of our Philippine Olympic Committee (POC) for recognition of a new organization, the Philippine Basketball Federation Inc. in place of the Basketball Association of the Philippines (BAP) which had been expelled by the POC. The expulsion did not sit well with Fiba and the association suspended the Philippines from international competitions.

In an attempt to reverse the Fiba decision, the POC sent a delegation led by POC president Jose Cojuangco and POC chair Robert Aventajado to meet with Fiba officials. As I mentioned in an earlier column, I was pessimistic about the mission and unfortunately my fears proved correct. The delegation returned with a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) which however, did not address directly the more pressing issue of basketball in the SEA Games.

So today, 49 days before the opening date of the Games, it does appear that the most popular sport in the country is not going to be included in the Games. Aventajado has been quoted as saying that the POC will seek a final clarification of the Fiba position but in the first place, wasn't that the very purpose of the Cojuangco mission to Geneva? As of this date, there have been no meetings between Cojuangco and former Sen. Joey Lina, the president of the BAP. These two personalities hold the key to any solution to the problem.

What are the possible repercussions to the non-inclusion of basketball in the Games?

First, we become the laughingstock of the region. Can you imagine the Philippines hosting the most important athletic competition in the neighborhood without basketball? In this basketball-crazy nation of ours, hosting the Games without basketball is almost like having sex without an orgasm.

Second, the people will never forgive our sports officials for denying them the joy of witnessing, live, a possible gold medal performance in a game in which we have excelled most of the time, at least in the region. (We were the silver medalist in the Kuala Lumpur Games in 1989, losing out to Thailand.)

Third, how does one explain to the youth of the land why the popular sport of basketball is not on the SEA Games agenda? It will only confirm what they have come to believe: that our leaders are not capable of the discipline and sacrifices needed to promote the interests of the country.

In his book, "The Olympic Movement in the Philippines," Celso Dayrit, a former POC president, wrote that the early games in ancient Greece were actually part of a religious festival which attracted spectators and participants from all the Greek city states and from Greek colonies around the Mediterranean. For a period of time before and after the games, a sacred truce was enforced. This was known as the "Ekecheirea," a Greek term referring to a ceasefire wherein warring Greek states agreed to temporarily stop fighting in order to participate peacefully in the games.

What we need at the moment is an "Ekecheirea" which would stop the fighting among our sports officials so that basketball can still be included in the SEA Games.

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There are reports that popular movie star Richard Gomez is being considered as the flag bearer of the Philippine contingent for the SEA Games opening ceremonies. I have nothing personal against Gomez, but there are allegations of tax evasion which put him in a delicate situation. Perhaps this great honor of carrying the national colors should be assigned to other individuals while the matter is being resolved.

Success stories

AT LARGE

Rina Jimenez-David

IN THE NEWS A FEW DAYS AGO WAS A YOUNG woman, 17 years old and eight months pregnant. She had been arrested after being caught shoplifting from a supermarket and had been hauled off to a police precinct.

It turns out that she had just arrived in the city a few days before, after escaping from the clutches of white slavers to whom her stepfather had sold her. She said she was forced to shoplift out of hunger.

The TV news report that carried her story had a "happy" ending, though. Through the intercession of the network, the young woman was released after the supermarket declined to file charges and she was turned over to the DSWD.

Sadly, not all the young men and women who come in conflict with the law find succor from a TV network or other concerned adults. The majority, in fact, languish in jails and prisons where they often end up mixed in among hardened criminals, or else exploited as unpaid servants or gofers of police, or at the most extreme, as sex toys.

This is why the Juvenile Justice Network Philippines considers as urgent the passage of a law providing for a "Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System" that would protect children who come in conflict with the law from the worst effects of detention and imprisonment.

In his sponsorship speech for SB 1402, Sen. Francis Pangilinan made clear that it is not the bill's intent to absolve youthful suspects completely simply because of their youth. "Children in conflict with the law have to be held accountable for their misbehavior. They must know that it is wrong to steal, that it is wrong to poke a knife up someone else's throat and that it is wrong to do drugs. Children in conflict with the law must then be taught the difference (between) what is right and what is wrong ... (but) we must also make sure that we institute steps to pave the way for their development and improvement. Punishing children in conflict with the law by throwing them in jail together with hardened adult criminals is inconceivable."

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IN HIS speech, Pangilinan asserted that there are alternatives to dealing with children in conflict with the law that answers the need for justice and restitution, while ensuring that the children are not harmed or damaged by the penal and justice system.

One approach is the use of what's known as "community diversion," saving the child from having to go through the entire process of detention and court procedures while harnessing community resources to re-integrate the child back to a "normal" life.

To show that "diversion" works, the senator cited the stories of children whom he called "Javier" and "Rowina." Javier, 15, had been working as a houseboy and was also assigned to mind a small store owned by his employers. But over time, it was discovered that he had stolen P2,000 worth of food and milk for his siblings. But instead of Javier's being haled to prison, the barangay diversion program went to work. Community leaders brought together Javier, his family and his employers and they worked out a plan by which he could pay off his debt. Seeing as this was the first time Javier had strayed, the store owner agreed to forgive the P2,000 debt as long as he attended school under the supervision of a community NGO.

Rowina, 16, was living with a distant relative with hardly any supervision. Caught stealing from a friend, she was brought by barangay officials before her friend's family and they forged an agreement where Rowina agreed to return to her family in exchange for her friend's forgiveness. She is now at home and under the supervision of a social worker.

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PENDING a more comprehensive application of the "community diversion" approach, the least that authorities could do for children in conflict with the law is to use the time the children are under custody to help them develop skills and acquire knowledge that could help them once they leave the confines of prison.

At the Caloocan City Jail, staffers of the Bureau of Jail Management and Penology (BJMP) said the children under their custody attend non-formal education classes twice a week, aside from arts and crafts lessons handled by volunteers.

Pangilinan also shared the success stories of some former boarders at the Youth Detention Center in Bacolod, where the children under custody are provided with livelihood training, including hair-cutting. One former detainee, he said, was in fact able to find employment as a barber soon after he left the center.

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THE CURRENT system of dealing with children in conflict with the law needs drastic re-tooling for many reasons. First, it is a waste of government resources, necessitating the outlay of funds (at a measly P35 a day budget for meals) to detain children who are on average guilty of committing what Pangilinan calls "victimless" crimes. Second, it places thousands of children at risk, not just of violence and sexual exploitation while in prison, but also of falling into a life of crime, with jail serving as their "university" and adult criminals as their "teachers."

But the biggest reason is that it is a waste of the young people's potential. The reason children are protected from the worst effects of criminalization and detention is the conviction that children still have enough time to reform, to create an entirely new future for themselves should they want to or choose to.

As a nation, we have a choice. We can sit back and do nothing while thousands of children each year go through the hell of prison and emerge emotionally damaged or doomed to a life of crime. Or, we can support the passage of the Comprehensive Juvenile Justice System Bill and give these children the freedom to start life anew.

What is a terrorist?

PUBLIC LIVES

Randy David

THE PROPOSED "ANTI-TERRORISM ACT OF 2005" defines terrorism as "the premeditated, threatened and actual use of violence or force or by any other means of destruction perpetrated against persons, properties, or the environment, with the intention of creating or sowing a state of danger, panic, fear, or chaos in the general public, group of persons, or segment thereof, or coercing or intimidating the government to do or abstain from doing an act." The key word is "fear." A terrorist is someone who threatens or actually uses violence and force to create a climate of fear and panic.

By this definition, former Election Commissioner Virgilio Garcillano could be charged with terrorism. On June 7, 2004, he was caught on tape talking about the abduction of the family of a municipal election officer who offered to testify about electoral fraud committed in Tipo-Tipo, Basilan. He bragged that he had called an officer in the Intelligence Service of the Armed Forces of the Philippines to pick up members of this person's family so they could be used as a "bargaining chip." The election officer, a woman by the name of Hadja Rashma Hali, had indeed come to Manila to execute an affidavit. A few days later, she withdrew her testimony. She had been effectively terrorized.

A voice widely believed to be that of Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo was also caught on tape in a separate conversation with Garcillano. GMA: "Did you get my text about the Tipo-Tipo?" Garcillano: "Oo Ma'am, that's what I'm fearful about...We're asking people to look for her so we can control her." GMA: "She's probably already being held by them." Garcillano: "She is here. That's why if it is possible, we'll have her family call her up." Garcillano told her of the plan to silence Hali, using her family, and GMA did nothing to stop him. That makes her an accessory to terrorism.

I am sure this conclusion can be reasonably argued, especially in the light of the Arroyo regime's penchant for using coercive means to deal with the daily mass protests demanding her ouster from the presidency. The so-called "calibrated preemptive response" that Malacañang has recently adopted as a policy can be seen as an example of illegitimate use of police power to sow fear. It occupies the same conceptual bench as George W. Bush's doctrine of "preemptive defense" against international terrorism.

Yet no court of law will probably indict Garcillano and GMA for terrorism. There is nothing even faintly redeeming about plain abduction in the service of electoral fraud, or about police brutality in the service of personal political survival. We more or less have a clear idea of what terrorism means. It is typically associated with acts of defiance and violence in the service of certain political objectives, usually of groups fighting against perceived or real oppression. Because acts of terrorism are often integral to liberation struggles, defining the concept in precise terms has eluded even the best minds in the United Nations.

In a lecture he delivered in Manila in 2002, the Austrian legal scholar Dr. Hans Kochler made this observation: "Because of the lack of consensus among member states on the basic criteria defining terrorist acts and on the characteristics distinguishing them from acts of national liberation (eventually providing special exemptions for certain movements under anti-terrorist conventions), there exist only implicit—or 'operative'—definitions." There are many such definitions, but none, he says, has been able to distinguish adequately between terrorism and legitimate acts of resistance against foreign occupation or national liberation.

One can immediately appreciate the difficulties that this lacuna poses. How are we to treat the daily bombings in Iraq targeting the American occupying forces and their civilian surrogates? Should we view them as acts of terrorism, as the Americans do, or as acts of legitimate resistance by the Iraqi people? Was the American embargo against Iraq that led to the death of at least half a million Iraqi children a legitimate act of war, or was it an act of terrorism by a bully state?

I think that what should be condemnable—whether we are talking of terrorism or of crimes committed in the course of war—is the deliberate targeting of innocent civilians. But for this, we may not need a new anti-terrorism law. There are enough existing laws that prohibit and punish such acts. If one is needed at all, as Kochler argues, it should be harmonized with existing laws, in order to avoid applying one set of laws to ordinary crimes and another one to a special set of "terrorist" acts.

In this manner, Kochler says, "acts of national resistance would not be criminalized per se (as is often attempted by states when they are in the position of occupying power), but would be judged according to the same rules as acts of regular warfare by a national army. Both state and non-state actors would be held to the same standards of international humanitarian law."

As in the global arena, so also in the politics of societies, the promulgation of special measures like the anti-terrorism law brings with it the danger of its easily being used as a comprehensive instrument of unaccountable power. It would be a mistake to put a law like this in the hands of a regime that grows more vicious by the day as it desperately fights to extend its life.

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Buy one, take one

REBEL WITHOUT A CLUE

Patricia Evangelista

I WAS HANGING OUT AT A FRIEND'S BOARDING HOUSE last night, mooching off his refrigerator (when you board on campus, things like refrigerators and televisions are so rare whoever has access to them is compelled to share). It was close to 11 p.m. I had just finished my thesis, and the rain was pouring in buckets. I was spooning strawberry jelly into my mouth when my friend's house mate came in and said he was going to the supermarket. It was like the voice of God.

Let's put it this way: Most girls go to the mall to de-stress. I go grocery-shopping.

Outside, there was a lake of three-inch high murky water between us and the car. After grabbing an umbrella, we cleared the gutter, jumped from sidewalk to sidewalk, until we finally ended up wading through the muck. It was a field trip in the dead of the night, but the traffic was bumper to bumper. Cars had stalled in the middle of the road. And we were starving.

We parked at a burger joint and leaped out of the car. A security guard tried to herd us back in. "We close at 11:30," he told us.

It was 11:10. So off we marched, leaving an indignant guard sputtering beside the curb. There was only one other table occupied. The clerk wiping down the counter, seeing our bedraggled state, relented and allowed us to buy take-out dinner.

By the time our food came, packed in a brown bag smelling beautifully of grease, the family at the next table had just begun their meal. The little girl was unwrapping a burger half the size of her head. Putting on my less-than-thousand-megawatt smile (hunger dulls the brightness some), I begged the clerk to allow us to eat our burgers inside saying, "*May tao pa naman, po*," with the appropriate batting of eyelashes.

The clerk called the supervisor, the supervisor called the manager, and the manager descended like Moses from the mountain. My eyelids were straining. He agreed reluctantly (if only to stop my whining) but insisted that we be out by the time the family finished.

So all three of us started shoving burgers into our mouths, dripping tomato sauce and trying to out-eat a little girl in a pink dress who was systematically disposing of her burger.

The little girl won.

Off we went. Back into the car and to Paradise.

There's this thrill I get whenever I'm standing before the glass doors of a grocery—the same thrill that seizes me at the sight of secondhand bookstores, Maximizer bras in my size, and announcements of the suspension of classes. The supermarket we went to makes Parco and Hi-Top look like 7-11s. The ceiling soars, the lights are bright, and the food—it seems disrespectful to call that mass of consumer goods just food—is, well, there. We all grabbed a cart each and headed for the great blue yonder.

The first place I zoomed into was the shampoo aisle. I collect shampoo sachets—those little shampoo packs they sell for a few bucks. Yes, I do. I try to get every color and every brand.

It's not so bad compared with other people's obsessions. I have a friend who filches restaurant paper napkins every time he eats out (he insists that Starbucks has the softest, Jollibee and McDonald's are the stingiest, and Wham Burger is the most generous). Another friend collects computer printers. She has a total of 20 at home—and counting.

At least I'm cheap. No one was happier when shampoo distributors came out with twin-packs and 20-percent larger sachets. You get enough to make your hair go bounce, bounce, bounce until *ang lambot at dulas, na parang nagpa-hair spa*. After all, shampoo *lang* is *kulang*.

Unfortunately, everything was plus-sized, with bottles of shampoo enough for an entire clan of Rapunzels on a bad hair day. So I trotted over to the chocolate section, ogled what I shouldn't and couldn't have, then hied off to the rubber slipper section and tried on several thousands technicolored pairs.

I did the rounds thrice—the first in awe, the second because I had missed a lot, and the third just for the sheer, unadulterated thrill of speeding headlong down the aisles.

At 2 a.m. we finally left, happily exhausted and toting a huge pack of paper kitchen towels (P199.75), a six-pack of tuna with 50 percent less fat, a foot spa with infrared heating and massage capabilities, a set of buy-two-take-one toothbrushes and free cups of coffee.

When I was a kid, my Dad says, I refused to watch cartoons and TV programs, but when a commercial jingle came on, I would be sitting on the floor, legs splayed, pigtail bouncing in tune. Even now, my head jerks when commercials start playing. My standard for product selection is simple: If I like the commercial, I like the product. Which is why for this week, I'm a sudden fan of Fita and Pantene soft. Skewed logic for a debater, but it works for me.

Next week, I'm going back for more (there's a discount clothes rack I missed). In the meantime, I intend to go wash my hair. I figure if I shampoo after every meal, my jumbo bottle will be empty in time for next week.

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THEY SAID

Election obsession

"Why are we always thinking of elections? We're always looking for a figure, a brooding omnipotence. We should work toward community, awaken popular power. Forget elections, organize people."

—The late former Commission on Elections and Presidential Commission on Good Government Chair Haydee Yorac, after expressing irritation over a slogan being readied for her should she decide to run for president

Setting directions

"More than thinking of the profits, this should be our role: to set the direction for people and provide them with different world views."

—Dina Po, owner of Popular Bookstore, on a bookstore owner's role

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Bird flu pandemic: Waiting in the wings

EXPERTS AGREE THAT A FLU PANDEMIC IS INEVITABLE. A PANDEMIC OCCURS when a new virus appears against which people have no immunity, causing several simultaneous epidemics across the globe and enormous numbers of deaths.

"We expect the next influenza pandemic to come at any time now, and it's likely to be caused by a mutant of the virus that is currently causing bird flu in Asia," said Dr. David Nabarro, the new UN coordinator for avian and human influenza.

The H5N1 bird flu strain has killed since 2003 at least 60 people in Vietnam, Thailand, Cambodia and Indonesia, mostly poultry workers, and resulted in the deaths of tens of millions of birds.

The virus does not pass from human to human easily, but experts believe this could change if the virus mutates. The first documented infection of humans with the H5N1 strain occurred eight years ago in Hong Kong. Of the 18 who were infected, 6 died. Patients developed symptoms of fever, sore throat and cough, and in the fatal cases, severe respiratory distress secondary to pneumonia.

Nabarro said the number of deaths from a new pandemic could range from 5 million to 150 million. But the World Health Organization later said that a death toll of between 2 million and 7.4 million was the most likely scenario.

Scientists have determined that pandemic flu strains infect between 25 percent and 35 percent of the population. The Spanish flu pandemic in 1918-1919 killed 40 million to 50 million people, equivalent to 2.6 percent of those who got sick, while the pandemic in 1957 killed 2 million and the one in 1968, 1 million.

No vaccine has been developed to protect humans against the H5N1 strain. Nevertheless, some countries are stockpiling Tamiflu, a brand name of the drug oseltamivir, which is thought to be effective against any strain of human flu. However, the drug is in short supply.

Frequently asked questions

By Jean-Marc Olivé, MD, MPH

THE BEST WAY TO ADDRESS issues related to avian influenza and the possibility of a flu pandemic is to answer the most commonly asked questions.

What is avian influenza?

Avian Influenza (AI) or bird flu is an infectious disease caused by subtypes of the influenza A virus that normally infects birds and, less commonly, pigs. All birds are thought to be susceptible to infection, though some species are more resistant than others. For instance, wild ducks, which are a natural reservoir of AI viruses, do not normally present any symptoms of the disease but are able to contaminate other birds.

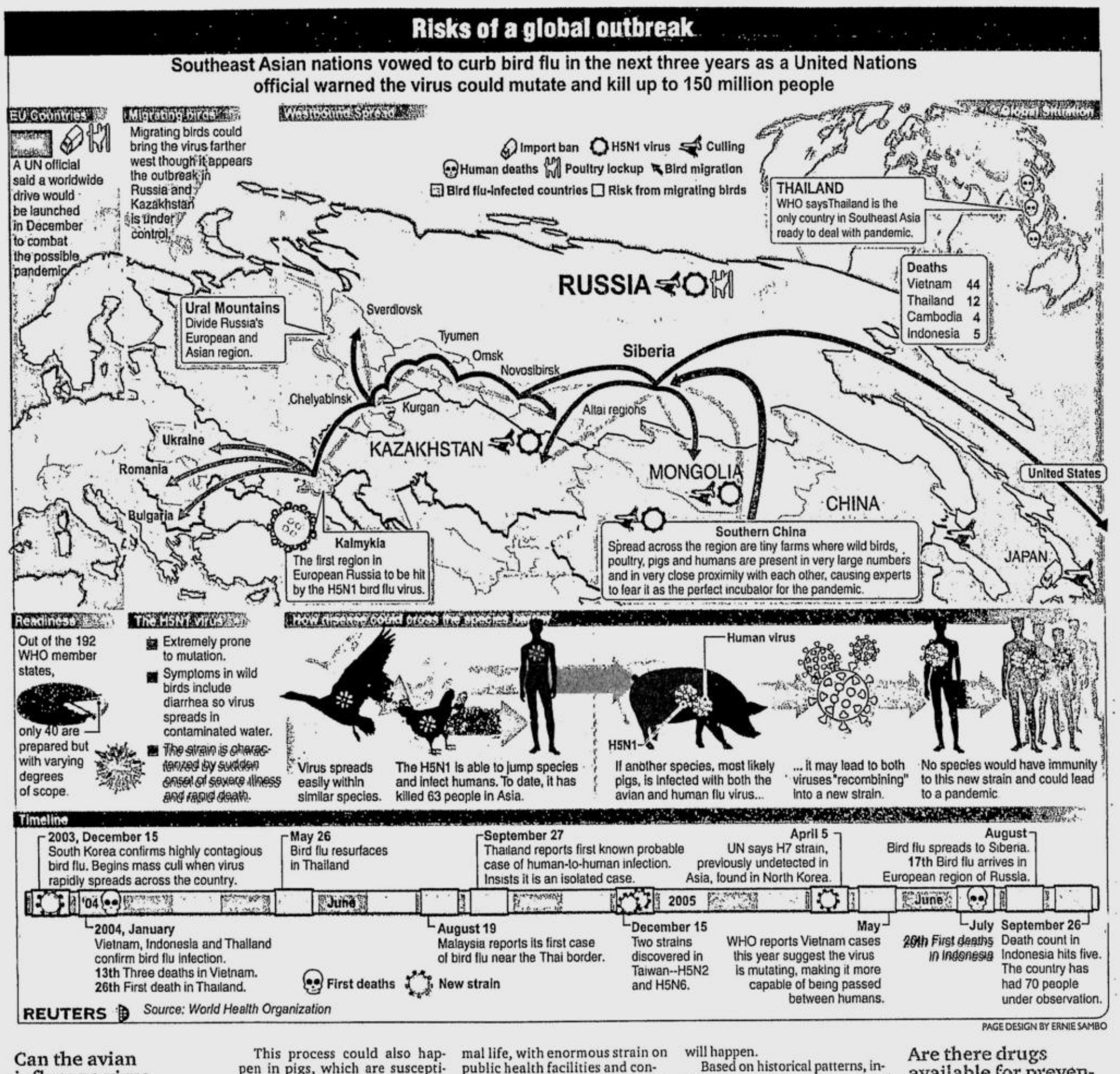
How is bird flu transmitted to other birds and humans?

Direct or indirect contact of domestic flocks with wild migratory waterfowl has been implicated as a frequent cause of epidemics in poultry. Live bird markets also play an important role in the spread of the virus.

Humans can become infected by direct contact with discharges from infected birds, especially feces and respiratory secretions. Environmental transmission routes include though contaminated feed, water, cages, equipment, vehicle and clothing. So it is extremely important to protect staff in contact with infected animals or working in at-risk environments.

What are the control measures in birds?

The most important control measures are rapid destruction of all infected or exposed birds, proper disposal of carcasses, and the quarantining and rigorous disinfection of farms. In appropriate circumstances, vaccination of poultry flocks is also recommended. Restrictions on the movement of poultry, both within and between countries, are another important control measure.



How resilient is the virus?

The virus can survive at a cool temperature in contaminated manure for at least three months. In water, it can survive up to 4 days at 22°C and more than 30 days at 0°C. It can be killed by common disinfectants such as formalin and iodine compounds.

Is it dangerous to eat chicken?

No. Cooking at 56°C for 3 hours or 60°C for 30 minutes kills the virus. Care should be taken when preparing uncooked chicken for the table.

Why is H5N1 of particular concern?

Of the 15 AI virus subtypes, H5N1 mutates rapidly and has a documented propensity to acquire genes from viruses infecting other animal species. Laboratory isolates from this virus have caused severe diseases in humans. H5N1 demonstrated a capacity to directly infect humans in Hong Kong in 1997, and in the current outbreak has infected 115 people and killed 59.

What is a pandemic?

A pandemic is a global outbreak of a disease. This will occur if the avian flu virus acquires the capacity to spread from human to human.

Can the avian influenza virus spread from one human to another?

At present, there is no convincing evidence of sustained human-to-human transmission of the H5N1 virus. However, there have been cases in Thailand, Vietnam and Cambodia, where limited transmission between humans was suspected.

For avian influenza in poultry to set off a human flu pandemic, three conditions must be met: 1) The virus must be able to transmit from poultry to humans. 2) The virus must be new to man. 3) It must be able to transmit easily between humans. Conditions 1 and 2 have already been met. The World Health Organization (WHO) and other agencies are watching very carefully for signs of condition No. 3. So far, it has not been seen.

For condition No. 3 to be met, the virus will first have to mutate from its present form. Broadly speaking, this can happen in one of two ways.

1) The more frequently humans are infected, the greater the chances of the virus adapting to humans and developing the ability to pass from one to another.

2) If a person already infected with the common human flu virus is infected with an avian influenza virus, the two viruses could exchange genetic material, resulting in a new subtype.

This process could also happen in pigs, which are susceptible to both human and avian influenza viruses.

What is being done in the Philippines to avert avian influenza and to prepare for a possible pandemic?

The Philippine government is strengthening collaboration between the departments of health and agriculture and the private sector to undertake coordinated action in preventing the entry of avian flu into the country and in controlling possible outbreaks of avian influenza in poultry. A national pandemic preparedness plan has been set up, harnessing national resources and activating emergency systems in the health and veterinary sectors to respond rapidly to the threat of pandemic.

What would be the consequences of a flu pandemic set off by avian influenza?

This is a difficult question to answer as we do not know how contagious and how virulent the pandemic strain of the virus might be. WHO is working on the basis that between two million and seven million will be killed worldwide, but only time will tell if this is accurate or not.

What is certain is that there will be serious disruption of normal life, with enormous strain on public health facilities and considerable economic loss. Whatever the exact magnitude of flu pandemic, it will dwarf SARS in terms of casualties and social and economic impact.

One possible scenario is that one-third of a country's workforce might be off work sick, with another third too frightened to leave home. How then would authorities be able to ensure vital services such as clean water, sanitation, law and order and transport? Should schools be closed? How about offices and financial institutions?

These are just a few of the issues we are encouraging countries to consider when they draw up their pandemic preparedness plan.

Can an influenza pandemic be averted?

WHO believes there is still a window of opportunity to turn back the threat. But the situation is now beyond the control of any one country or any one organization such as WHO, so it will need a concerted response by the global community.

In this context, WHO is heartened by the commitment voiced recently by US President George W. Bush and other world leaders to fight the epidemic. Without the help of the industrialized nations, a pandemic is probably inevitable. What we do not know is when it will happen.

Based on historical patterns, influenza pandemics can be expected on an average of three to four times each century when a new and highly transmissible virus emerges against which there is no immunity. In the 20th century, the influenza pandemic of 1918-1919, which infected 25 percent of the global population and caused an estimated 40 million to 50 million deaths worldwide, was followed by pandemics in 1957-1958 and 1968-1969. These were considerably less serious. Many experts agree that another influenza pandemic is due.

Is there a vaccine to prevent avian influenza in humans?

There is at present no specific vaccine to prevent avian influenza in human beings. Currently available vaccines will not protect against the H5N1 strain of the virus. A vaccine was produced against the virus that occurred in Hong Kong in 1997, but this cannot be recommended to control the present epidemic since the virus has changed through mutation.

The technology for producing a vaccine exists, but manufacturers will probably have to wait until the exact pandemic strain is known before they can develop a vaccine to fight it. It will probably take up to six months for a vaccine to be produced in great volume, but even then it will be only a fraction of global needs. By then, the pandemic will probably have spread to every country in the world.

Are there drugs available for prevention and treatment?

Yes. Oseltamivir is licensed for the prevention and treatment of human influenza, and is thought to be effective regardless of the causative strain, but only if treatment is initiated within 40 hours of the start of symptoms. The drug is currently available from only one producer and is in short supply. Efforts are being made by the supplier to increase production capacity.

In case of a pandemic, basic infection control measures, personal hygiene and travel restriction will be the most appropriate measures to limit spread of infection.

Conclusion

It should be understood that it is difficult to predict which subtype of influenza virus will cause a pandemic, and when a pandemic might occur. What we can do is to be prepared and be guided by facts rather than rumors, particularly any spread of misinformation by irresponsible text messaging.

It is important to stress that up to now, the Philippines remains free from avian influenza.

More information can be obtained from the Department of Health's website (www.doh.[illegible].ph) and from WHO's Western Pa[illegible] website (www.wpro.who.int

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Reminder to cops: Observe human rights

By Luige del Puerto

THE NATIONAL POLICE SAID it would welcome any probe by the Commission on Human Rights into the conduct of their Civil Disturbance Management units during demonstrations.

"We welcome any probe by the CHR and if they send men to observe (rallies), we would view it as a good measure," said Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, spokesperson of the Philippine National Police.

"It (sending of observers) will also act as some kind of reminder to our policemen to observe human rights," he said.

Stressed out

Officials expressed concern at the act of an antiriot cop who deliberately hit a protester on Wednesday. They said the act was unjustified, even if it happened in "the heat of the moment."

The police, however, defended the dispersal as the correct action taken by the ground commander.

On Friday, the national headquarters asked ground commanders to immediately spot CDM members who were stressed out.

"This is very important for field commanders to do," Bataoil said. "They must identify the cops who may be losing control and are stressed out."

Low tolerance

The tolerance level of these cops might be very low, which could result in a tendency to aggressively go after protesters, he added.

Antiriot cops usually work in shifts, allowing them to rest after working a demonstration.

This was also a good chance for the police leadership to look into how effectively its communications are being disseminated and received on the ground, Bataoil said.

Malacañang has accused demonstrators of baiting antiriot police into reacting violently in dispersing mass protest actions just to gain the sympathy of the public.

"Everyone can see that some ralliers are deliberately antagonizing or taunting policemen to hit them so they can raise the issue of violation of human rights," said Executive Secretary Eduardo Ermita in an interview with dzRH radio.

In order not to fall into the ralliers' trap, Ermita said he had ordered police officers to tell their men to avoid unnecessary roughness.

Mutual respect

Antiriot police had been criticized for their aggressive and sometimes violent actions against ralliers since the government discontinued its maximum tolerance policies and adopted the calibrated preemptive response (CPR) policy against mass actions.

"While it is easy for police officials to give instructions to their men, whoever is leading these rallies should also lay down their own guidelines to prevent their peers from causing bedlam," Ermita said.

He added that both the police and ralliers should have "mutual respect" to avoid violent confrontations.

Anti-riot police: Best dressed or fashion victims?

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and carry shields, truncheons and handcuffs during protest rallies. Ideally, they should also wear body armor and pads to cushion strikes and blows.

The gear is meant not only to protect the police but the protesters as well.

Former Armed Forces chief of staff Gen. Efren Abu (ret.), who helped secure the new equipment for the National Capital Region Command's CDM units, stressed this point early this year.

"Kaya kayo binigyan ng proteksyon ay para hindi kayo masyadong masaktan,at hindi rin kayo makasakit (The reason you were given this equipment is so you won't get hurt and you won't hurt anyone)," he said.

According to Senior Supt. Felipe Rojas Jr., intelligence officer of the Metro Manila police and former chief of the Marikina police station, "Emotions [tend to] run high during a demonstration. It can be very tempting to wield your truncheon and hurt someone. Hence, the equipment."

The same holds true for a protester. It is very tempting to hurl a rock at a CDM cop.

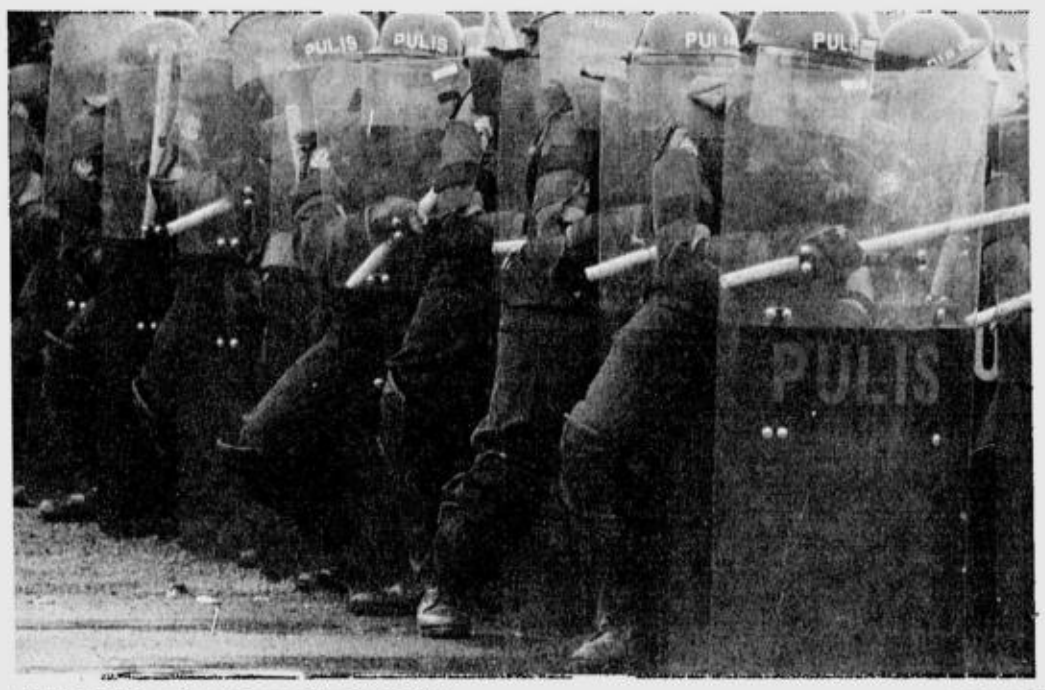
According to the police manual of operation, the police must practice restraint during a demonstration. In cases of lightning rallies, "orderly dispersal should only be resorted to, including the apprehension of those responsible therefore, in case of resistance after an exhaustive dialogue for voluntary dispersal has failed."

Thus, guns and brass knuckles are not allowed in rallies. Even the use of tear gas or water cannons is regulated.

Stay in formation

The manual also said the police must firmly hold their ground against a violent crowd.

Antiriot squads can better protect themselves from a hostile crowd if they stay in formation— meaning an officer must not act on his own unless it's necessary.



ANTI-RIOT police: Geared up for action. PDI PHOTO

Breaking a line formation can expose an officer to a hostile crowd. If he gets hurt, he or his colleagues are more likely to retaliate.

"Even the (line) formations are meant to give the protesters leeway or places to run," Rojas said. "The idea is to make them (protesters) run, rather than to corner them."

Impressive demo

In March, the NCR Command's CDM squads gave a demonstration to show how sturdy and well-trained the CDM units were.

Soldiers pretending to be demonstrators threw bottled water and stones at antiriot squads who were in formation holding their shields up front.

Failing to break the formation, the "protesters" came nearer, hurling curses and insults and kicking the CDM members' shields. Still, they remained in formation.

Next, a fire truck doused the squad with water, but the defensive line, formed and reinforced by interlocking shields, held its ground against the "rioters."

It helped that CDM members were given transparent plastic shields, allowing them to observe the "protesters" and anticipate their next moves.

Interlocked, the shields provided "99 percent protection." No rock or bottled water, however hard they were thrown, could break the formation.

"What is crucial with these shields is that we can see the protesters, and can therefore react more quickly," Staff Sgt. Jaime Matradona, a team leader, said.

Break silence, US urged

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adviser on political affairs, linked the opposition to the spying activity but, like Cuenco, did not identify anyone.

"The opposition did not even think about the implications of their actions on Philippine-American relations because of their burning desire to topple the Arroyo administration," Claudio charged.

Critics won't be muzzled

He said the government had no plans to muzzle criticism but these should be within legal bounds.

"They [the opposition] have not only violated the norms of acceptable rules of political engagement in our country. They have also violated the rules of another country and one of our major allies,' Claudio said.

"The leaders of the opposition who are linked to or accomplices of Aragoncillo and Aquino will have to answer a lot to the country for their involvement in this espionage, which is a serious case in the US," he added.

Money trail

Claudio also claimed that, based on feedback to Malacanang, many Filipinos feared the incident "would affect the reputation and integrity of members of the Filipino community in the US."

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said he was more interested in the source of the funds that may have been used in the espionage operation but pledged there would be no "witch-hunt."

"We are more interested on where the money came from," Gonzalez told the INQUIRER.

"Sometimes, we cannot rely on the US ... they have their own interests," he said, when asked if the Philipppines could get leads from the US government to track the money trail that might lead to the supposed financiers.

In the dark

Gonzalez, who has ordered the National Bureau of the Investigation to follow the money trail from the Philippines that might lead to Aquino and Aragoncillo, said the government would have to do this on its own.

"Right now we are in the dark as far as this issue is concerned. We are trying to piece the puzzle [together]," he said.

Gonzalez on Sept. 10 sent a request to the US Embassy for details on the arrest of Aragoncillo and Aquino but has received no reply.

Gonzalez said the admission by some opposition politicians that they had received unclassified information from Aragoncillo were not enough to pin them down.

Looking for the linkage

"[This] did not, per se, make them co-conspirators. But if it can be proven that the linkage between the three [recipients] in Manila and the two in the US is the constant exchange of communication and vital [information is] being transmitted, then from my view, this is related to destabilization talks," Gonzalez said.

Libanan said the filing of cases against the local connections of Aquino and Aragoncillo was "imperative in light of the President's disclosure that the espionage case may be part of an opposition coup plot against her."

He said it was important for local law enforcement agencies to seek additional information from the US government.

"It is the responsibility of US authorities to divulge who these three officials are so that they will be charged here and in the US. Emphasis must be put on identifying the masterminds who put the two operatives in place and financed their illicit activities," Libanan said.

US papers 'massaged'?

"The US and Filipino authorities should not only check the computer trail, but also follow the money. Ten times out of ten that will tell the entire story," he added.

Puentevella said the US government should "break its silence" on the case.

He said US officials knew what files were stolen and should confirm if the so-called FBI documents leaked to media were among them "and if these were overblown or massaged to paint a critical picture of our government."

'Sordid mess'

Puentevella said: "The publication of the US reports were made in an obvious attempt to muddle the probe and rock RP-US ties. The timing of [their] publication was also questionable as it was done just when the President came back from New York to preside over the UN Security Council."

He added: "The masterminds behind the whole sordid mess are truly evil and malevolent fiends without any regard at all for the nation's welfare, and they should be brought to justice."

Surigao del Sur Rep. Prospero Pichay said "reliable sources" from the opposition and the international community had briefed him on a plot to destabilize the Arroyo administration.

Pichay said it was evident from the contents of the US documents published in the media that they were "intended to discredit the Arroyo administration."

Dutchman finds freedom as an Igorot

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about his attire, and challenge him to explain why he prefers the G-string to a [pair] of jeans," Banasan said.

She quoted an Igorot as angrily telling Schorsch: "Why? Do you think Igorot are a backward people?"

But by the filmmaker's account, Schorsch has a handy reply: "I'm not ashamed to be Igorot."

For all occasions

In the more developed towns of the Cordillera, many young Igorot refuse to wear a G-string even during community festivals and ritual feasts—annual occasions when they are required to wear the colorful costumes and headdresses of their forebears.

But Schorsch keeps G-strings for all occasions, according to his friend, musician Rafael Kapuno.

"Like the average Igorot 100 years ago, he has a *bahag* for work, for the times he stays home, for *pasyal* (leisure walks), and for festivals," Kapuno said.

In a phone interview from Dipaculao, Aurora, where he lives, Schorsch said the communal lifestyle of the Igorot and the Dumagat was his "way of living."

He frequents the Maligcong rice terraces in Bontoc, Mt. Province, although he lives in a thatch-roofed house in Dipaculao, alongside the Dumagat natives and the "Ifuntok" families who migrated from the Cordillera in 1947.

Schorsch has applied for citizenship, and it is likely he will be wearing a G-string when he takes an oath of allegiance to the Philippines in 2006.

Advocacy

A theology and psychology graduate of a Dutch university, Schorsch traveled to Thailand to immerse himself in Buddhism before settling in the Philippines in 1978 to advocate alternative health measures.

Years later, Schorsch convinced Infanta Bishop Julio Xavier Labayen to build Bahay Pananahimik, a spiritual retreat house and support foundation, in Dipaculao.

The foundation, which manages the retreat house, has helped the community deal with social crises.

When logging began to disturb Aurora's indigenous peoples, Schorsch persuaded the residents to begin a tree-planting drive in the 2.3-hectare compound of the retreat house.

A small forest now thrives there.

Banasan said Schorsch started introducing forgotten Ifuntok and Dumagat concepts to Dipaculao when he realized that the town's migrant Igorot did not even speak their old language.

She said Bahay Pananahimik built a *dap-ay* (community meeting place), where resident Igorot could revisit their traditional dances and rituals.

The foundation also launched a scholarship fund for Igorot and Dumagat youths, said Ben Kiwang, one of the scholars.

Spiritual connection

Schorsch said his initial immersion in the various Cordillera cultures did not spur his decision to wear the native attire.

He said it was only in the 1990s that he discovered his "spiritual" connection to the Igorot.

Some critics have accused him of advocating a return to "the Stone Age," little knowing that he was more interested in imbibing the Igorot's strong communal values, he said.

These concepts, he said, were still applicable in current times.

Schorsch said his workman's life in the Netherlands could not compare with the life he was sharing with the townsfolk of Maligcong.

He visits Maligcong every year to help till the rice fields.

The townsfolk call him "Fanjacho," after the family who adopted him there.

Planting seeds

By Schorsch's reckoning, what strikes him most about indigenous Filipinos today is the fact that they would rather lose "the freedom granted by their culture" for a reputation in society of being "decent and well-educated."

He said he was not comfortable about the attention he was getting, but was acutely conscious of the seeds he had been planting in Dipaculao and Maligcong.

Most of all, he said, he was being true to himself: *"Hindi ako artista. Hindi ko isusuot ang G-string kung magpapanggap lang ako na kumportable akong nakabahag* (I'm not an actor. I won't wear a G-string if I'm just going to pretend I'm comfortable wearing it)." ***With a report from Desiree Caluza, PDI Northern Luzon Bureau***

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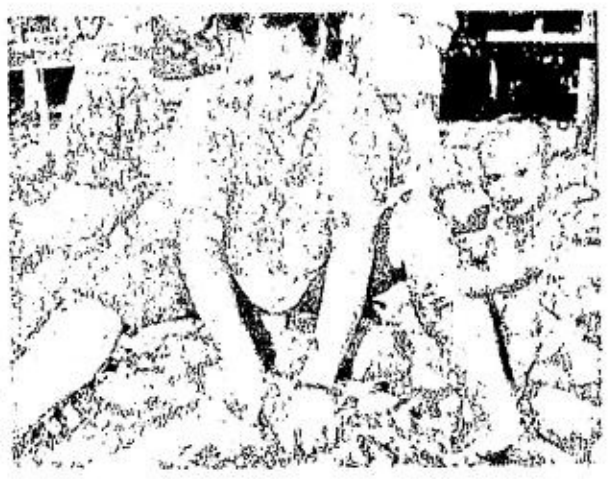
Women swarm office for tubal ligation



CARMELA Inteña, with several children, prepares food for their hogs. BING GONZALES

By Germelina Lacorte
Davao City

AFTER GIVING BIRTH TO 12 children, Carmela Inteña, 46, wants no more.

She had trouble giving birth to her youngest, now one-and-a-half year old, has developed high blood pressure and raises her children in a makeshift hut no bigger than a family bed.

So, when news broke out that City Hall was giving out P5,000 for women who would opt for tubal ligation and men who'd opt for vasectomy, Inteña was the first to enlist.

That day, the City Social Services and Development (CSSDO) building here was swarmed with a crowd that social workers had not been prepared to deal with, said Chona Pantig, a CSSDO staff member who was screening the applicants.

When Mayor Rodrigo Duterte announced on a TV program here that he was giving out cash to women and men who opt for tubal ligation and vasectomy, he was entering the battleground between the Church and state on the use of family planning methods.

Tubal ligation, which is done by cutting women's fallopian tubes to prevent pregnancy, remains a no-no in the country's predominant Catholic Church. And so is vasectomy, a minor surgical procedure on men to cut and close the tubes that deliver sperms.

Social welfare and health officers later reduced the amount to P3,000, saying that P2,000 will be spent for the operation and medical expenses.

The following weeks, the main social service and health offices were forced to dispatch the applicants to the districts, to get rid of the crowd.

Bunkhouse

Inteña lives in what people call the carpenters' bunkhouse at the corner of Barangay Cabantian's Country Homes subdivision.

The bunkhouse is a piece of land that the subdivision developer had lent to carpenters years ago when the houses were being built.

This is where Inteña came to start a new life in 1992 after her marriage with her first husband failed.

She lived close to 10 other carpenters' families. Without water connection, they have to fetch water from a neighbor's faucet. She had left three of her children with her first husband and three others went to her mother. Now, she is raising six more children.

Her common-law husband, a mason, used to work in the subdivision. But they stayed on long after his contract ended because they had nowhere else to go.

While the government blames high birth rate for the low economic growth and rising poverty, the Catholic Church has been opposing moves to curb population growth through artificial family planning methods.

Duterte's quick-fix solution to poverty may clash with the Catholic Church's stance but health and social workers say it is a way of addressing poverty.

Incentive

CSSDO Chief Marilyn Acuña says the city is not calling it a "family planning incentive" but a "crisis intervention program" to families who are hard up. Only the poorest of the poor can avail of the incentive, Acuña says, or those, earning an income of P13,500, or at least P70,000 for a family of six.

But how far can the P3,000 go to curb the growth of Davao City's 1.4 million population?

City Health Officer Josephine Villafuerte says City Hall targets only 500 this year but she believes that the city's tubal ligation and vasectomy program will have a long-term impact on the city's population growth rate, one of the highest in the country.

She said it is the first time the government is handling such a program, normally passed on to the private hospitals and family planning clinics. She hopes that the program will be included in next year's budget.

City social workers said Duterte was moved by the sight of a 6-year-old child and his 3-year-old brother who were burned to death in Sasa District in April, prompting him to come up with such a program.

The children's mother had to go out of the house at dawn to sell rice cakes while their father, a construction worker, set out very early for work.

Unequal

Nothing has been heard yet from Davao's Catholic hierarchy. But Fr. Edgar Tuling, mass media director of the archdiocese of Tagum City says, the Church position on artificial family planning methods remains the same. "We've always been clear on that," he says.

He said it is not so much the ballooning population as the unequal distribution of wealth that has been causing poverty and suffering. To address the inequality, the Church has been doing evangelization to encourage the rich to share their resources to the poor.

Poverty and economic difficulties have been cited among the reasons most women opt for tubal ligation, says Montano Malaki, population program officer.

The men have been shying away from vasectomy because of fear of being castrated and other misconceptions, he says.

"Only three or four of them in a hundred are willing to undergo such procedure because of fear," he said.

Aware of the double standard in gender relations, health practitioners are inclined to believe that vasectomy, instead of ligation, is the more effective way of controlling population growth.

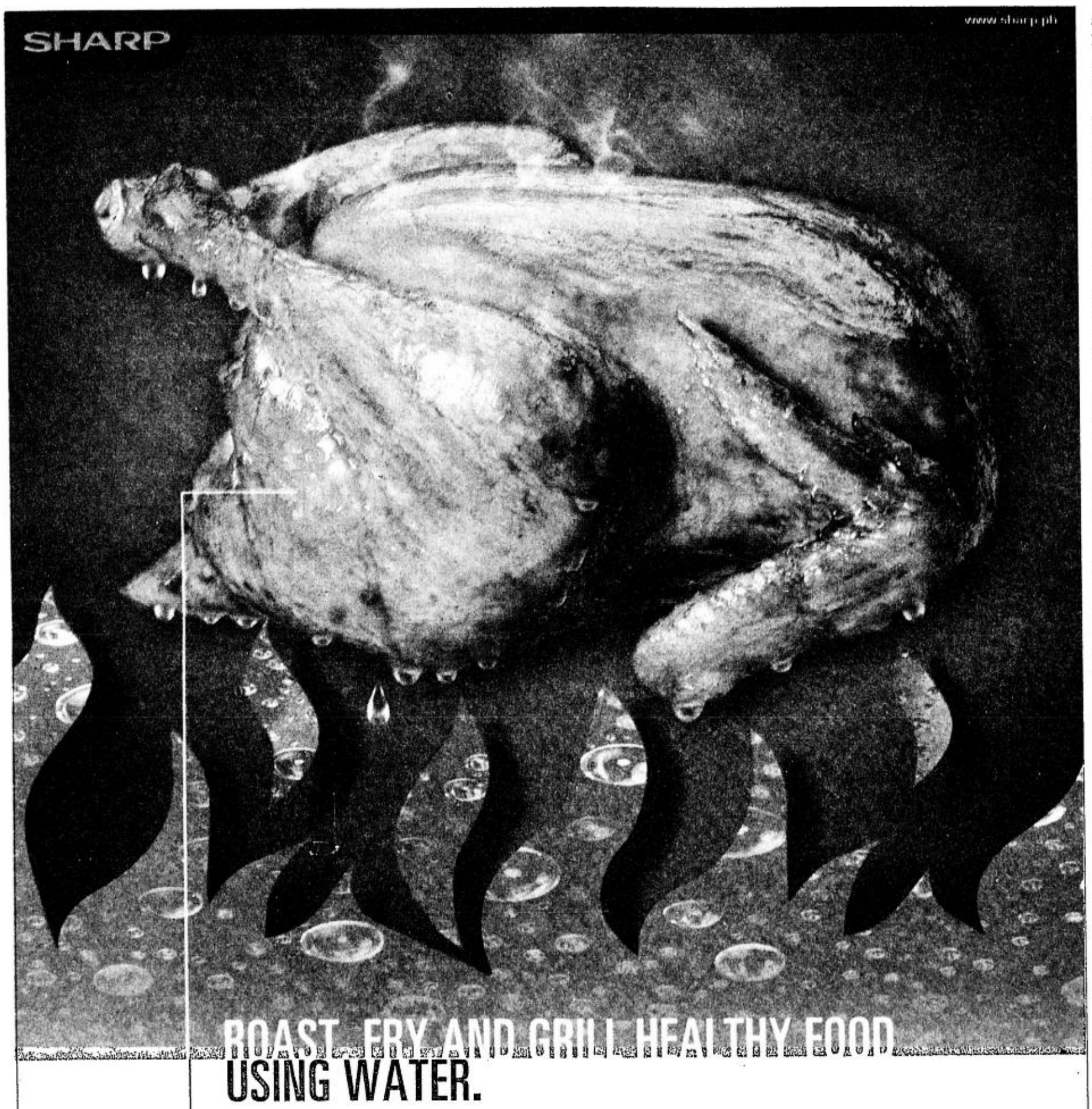
Dr. Samuel Cruz, assistant city health officer for administration, agrees. But men's egos are preventing them from undergoing the procedure, he adds.

Women continue to swarm health and social service offices even weeks after the announcement.

Some social workers are worried. The government's tubal ligation program only caters to women 45 years and below, according to Pura Villonez, CSSDO emergency and community coordinator.

But some of those who came are as old as 52 years, says Pepito. Inteña's age might disqualify her from the program. But the 46-year-old mother of 12 has other things in mind. She is worried that an unskilled medical intern will only experiment with her body. She fears that the free tubal ligation program will be unsafe. Yet, she badly wants it.

"I don't care so much about the money, I only want the whole thing [of bearing children] to stop," she says.



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A student holds a live frog that was wearing a costume during a competition at the frog festival, the country's only, at San Fernando City, Pampanga. The city holds the festival to promote Pampanga's various frog traditions and preserve the Kapampangan culture.

'Jueteng' out, EZ2 in

CITY OF SAN FERNANDO—Police and local officials have dismissed reports that the illegal numbers game "jueteng" has returned to this capital city of Pampanga.

But Amando Santos, chair of the city's League of Barangays, said his information showed that illegal "bookies" operations for the government-run EZ2 lottery have crept into three northern villages here run by a financier in nearby Angeles City.

Santos revealed this as 34 of 35 barangay captains, with Mayor Oscar Rodriguez and police officials, faced reporters on Friday to deny radio reports that jueteng has made a comeback here.

What gave out the new racket was the operator's scheme in offering a bigger pot money of P5,000 than the government's usual P4,000, Santos said.

He said displaced *cobrador* (jueteng collectors), carrying lottery cards from the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office, were collecting bets in Barangays Telabastagan, Balite and Malino. The money is supposedly remitted to a man in Angeles City.

Santos, however, did not call the racket a cover for jueteng since he said he has yet to confirm if bets were actually remitted in full or in part to PCSO.

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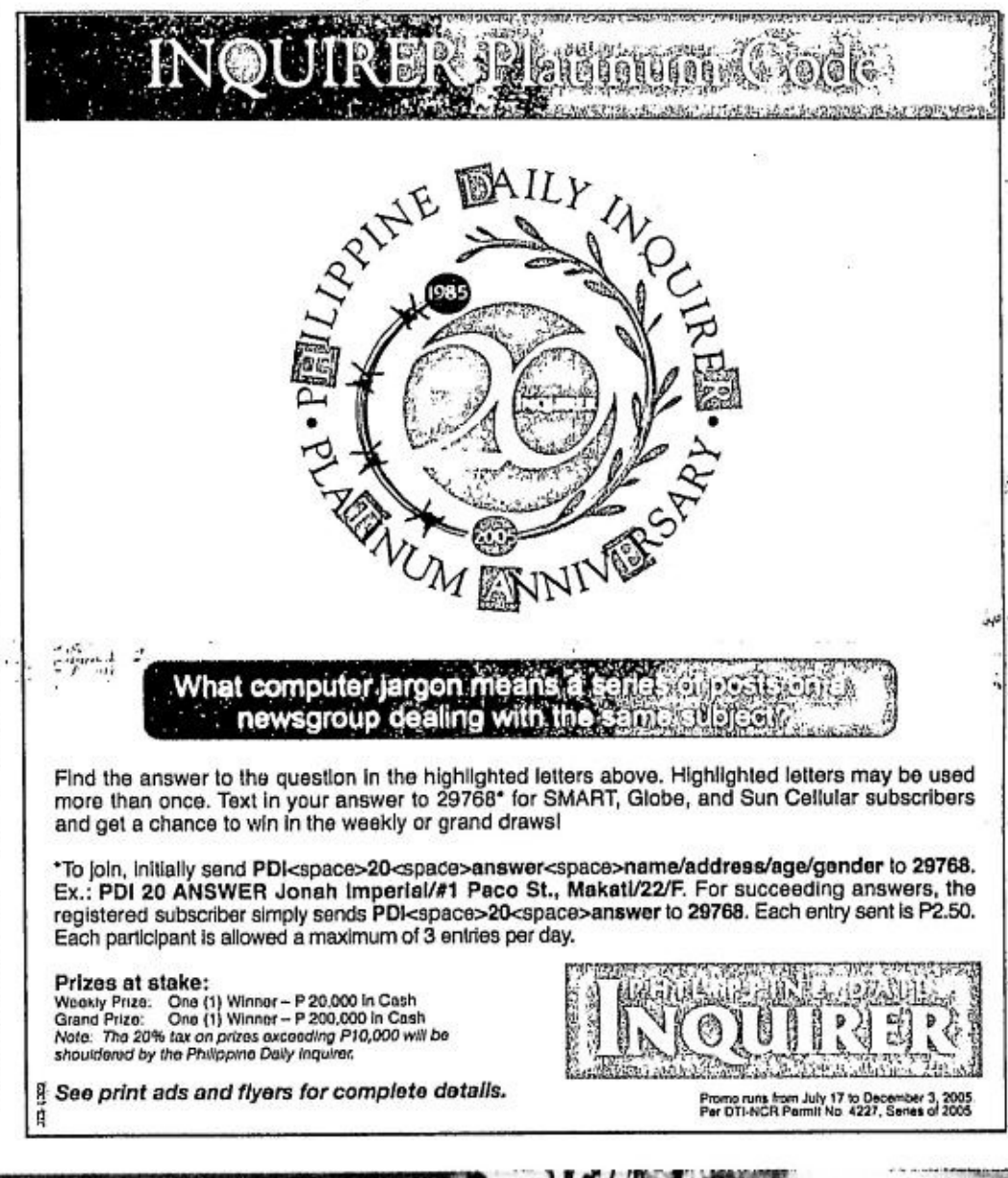

2 rob suspects slain in gunfight

CALAMBA CITY—TWO SUSPECTED MEMBERS of a robbery syndicate were killed in a gunfight with police in Calauan, Laguna shortly after they killed the driver of a businesswoman in a botched holdup on Friday afternoon.

Senior Supt. Federico Terte, Laguna police director, said the still unidentified suspects were on a motorcycle when police flagged them down in Barangay Balay-hangin at around 3:30 p.m.

But instead of stopping, the suspects allegedly fired at the policemen, starting a five-minute gunfight.

Terte said they believe the suspects were part of a big syndicate victimizing bank depositors in several towns of Laguna and Quezon provinces.

Terte said three hours before the gunfight, the suspects held up a businesswoman who was on her way to deposit P4 million in cash in a bank in Barangay Parian this city.

Supt. Roland Bustos, Calamba police chief, said the suspects blocked the car of victim Teresita Salvador and ordered her driver, Jose Jamito, to open the window on the driver's seat.

When Jamito refused, one of the suspects allegedly shot him, causing the car to hit a parked jeep.

Jamito died at the Calamba Doctors' Hospital, Bustos said.

The suspects then took the bag of Salvador which contained P50,000 in cash. *Marlon Ramos, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau*

ROUNDUP

Ex-rebs charged

ROXAS CITY—Three former rebels and two others were charged with illegal possession of firearms at the provincial prosecutor's office here after a cache of firearms was seized from the house of one of the suspects in Barangay Agbanog, Pontevedra, Capiz on Sept. 29. Capiz police director Senior Supt. Cipriano Querol said the five belonged to a group of rebel returnees who worked as hired goons. Charged were ex-rebels Arnulfo Paligumba, Rolando Dichosa, Ricky Banting and their two companions, Jun Catalan and an alias Commander Pani. Only Catalan was arrested during the raid but all five names listed in the search warrant were included in the charges to pave the way for the issuance of the arrest warrant against the four who were still at large, said Querol.

Felipe Celino, PDI Visayas Bureau

Soldiers rebuild mosques

DAVAO CITY—Soldiers from the antiterror group Task Force Davao helped in the reconstruction of a mosque in Isla Verde. The mosque was inaugurated on Tuesday in time for Ramadan. Col. Eduardo del Rosario, Task Force Davao chief, said P140,000 came from the Saudi government through Islamic Affairs Minister Abdul Aziz Mukrain for the completion of the mosque. Del Rosario said the reconstruction was a joint project of Task Force Davao and the United Muslim Council for Peace and Development.

Anthony S. Allada, PDI Mindanao Bureau

C. Muñoz; 85

CONSUELO "Soli" Corrales Muñoz of Cagayan de Oro City has died. She was 85. She left behind children Rafael and Helen Marfori, Jaime Jr., Annabella and Joe Sajo, Pamela, Sheila and Jimmie Policarpio, Emmanuel, Rosario Margarita, Ma. Consuelo and Danilo Tan, grandchildren and great grandchildren. Her remains lie at the penthouse of Mother Ignacia Bldg. on Gaerlan Street in Cagayan de Oro City. Burial will be on Oct. 13 at 10 a.m. at Greenhills Memorial Park in Cagayan de Oro.

Phone firm, co-op link up

A CELLULAR phone company has linked up with Peninsula Electric Cooperative (Penelco), Bataan's power distribution cooperative, to provide consumers with information on power rates and scheduled brown-outs. This is part of Touch Mobile's institution-focused initiatives that seeks to make its services available to the masses through partnership with relevant institutions. TM head Nonie Busuego, in a press statement, said "the Penelco tie-up is one way by which we can better reach our market at the grassroots level. This is intended to be one among many partnerships with organizations and institutions that traditionally cater to the masses." For details on current power rates and brown-out schedules, text PENELCO HELP and send to 2860.

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Old Manila's great theaters

By Tina G. Santos

TODAY'S GENERATION PROBABLY THINK that the mall has always been the mode of entertainment.

They may find it difficult to believe that long before Greenbelt in Makati, Gateway in Cubao and Eastwood in Libis, people went to the Manila Grand Opera House (MGOH), Clover Theater and Metropolitan Theater (or simply, the Met) in Manila.

After all, these landmarks, venues for operas, concerts, zarzuela and vaudeville have completely disappeared, except for the Met, though it is rundown and empty.

Delfin Delberto, a security guard at a restaurant-bar (Chicks O'Clock Music Garden and Restaurant) on a section of the former MGOH site on Rizal Avenue, between Doroteo Jose and Lope de Vega Streets, said even a historical marker was gone.

The MGOH was the venue in the 1900s for performances by both local and foreign stars. Cristina Lanonico-Buenaventura, in her book "Theater in Manila 1846-1946," said it was the place for visiting opera companies, Rizal Day celebrations and assemblies of national significance.

On Oct. 16, 1907, the First Philippine Assembly was inaugurated there by United States Secretary of War William Howard Taft.

MGOH was H.T. Hashim's National Cycle Track when it was acquired in the 1890s. The circular wooden structure with a *nipa* roof became the Teatro Nacional where the Russian Circus and some American theater companies performed.

In 1902, the *teatro* became MGOH after it was transformed into an opera house by Italian impresario Balzofiore in time for a visiting Italian Opera Company. Seats were divided into the *palco proscenio* for the dignitaries, *butaca* or orchestra for most theatergoers, and gallery, the least expensive section.

The theater's most celebrated feature was said to be its acoustics, allowing even the softest whisper to be clearly heard.

But after two decades of hosting opera and zarzuela productions, ownership changed in 1942. By then, the building looked more like a warehouse than a theater.

The new owner, Toribio Teodoro, known as the "shoe king of the Philippines," lived there when the Japanese seized his house and shoe factory during World War II.

The building was badly damaged by flood in 1943 and burned down a few months later.

After the war, reconstruction began. Air-conditioned and equipped with the latest technology, the edifice was meant to be a first-class cinema for occasional cultural shows. MGOH was billed "The Theater with a History."

The MGOH provided daily entertainment for the masses. Its main fare were stage shows and movies with an occasional concert, opera and plays by Lamberto Avellana and Wilfrido Ma. Guerrero, among others.

"For 85 centavos, we got to see a stage show and a movie, too," said Elisa Santos, 69. "I wouldn't miss the shows that featured the likes of Diomedes Maturan, Sylvia La Torre ..., I miss those days."

The MGOH was also a meeting place for lovers, said businessman Gil San Miguel, 55, who recalled chaperoning his elder sister and her then future husband on dates.

Those who didn't perform in the MGOH were at the rival Clover Theater at the foot of MacArthur Bridge at the corner of Echague Street (now Carlos Palanca Street) in Quiapo, which catered to those who enjoyed "bodabil." It was owned by Spanish-Portuguese impresario Don Jose Zarah.

Among those who performed there were Dolphy, the Reycard Duet, Aruray, Pugo and Tugo, Casmot and Balot, Panchito, Chiquito, Palito, Dely Atay-atayan and Elizabeth Ramsey. Many of them would later become movie and television icons and superstars.

Donato Delima, 63, of Isla de Romero, Quiapo, remembered, "I used to work as a shoe shine boy. Most of the time I got to enter the theater for free courtesy of my actor 'friends'." Now he sells cigarettes on the same spot.

The glamour and glory of the MGOH and Clover faded as television and cinema became popular, said German Moreno, who was a janitor at Clover but later produced live shows for the MGOH.

He said these institutions should have been given importance even after they went out of business.

"That's the sad part. Those buildings should have been restored or at least markers should be installed to let today's generation know (they) were part of our country's rich cultural heritage," Moreno said.

Fortunately, the Met does not seem destined to pass into oblivion like MGOH and Clover.

Manila Mayor Lito Atienza said the Met, a structure of great historical value to the city, would be restored to its old glory.

"We want to... transform the Met into a world-class opera house ...," he said.

A memorandum of agreement for the restoration had been signed between City Hall, the National Commission for Culture and the Arts, and the Government Service and Insurance System that owns the theater.

The Met, a magnificent Art Deco building at Liwasang Bonifacio near the foot of Quezon Bridge, was designed in 1931 by renowned architect Juan Arellano.

The lobby was adorned with "The Dance" and "History of Music," murals by National Artist Fernando Amorsolo. Closed since 1996, the building had a ballroom, restaurants, offices and shops.

A DREAM, A PROMISE
Over 5,000 join in a 5-km walkathon by Knowledge Channel Foundation Inc. (KCFI) from Rizal Park in Manila to Cuneta Astrodome in Pasay City. The event dubbed "Lakad Mo, Pangarap Ko 2, Nationwide na 'to" is a fundraiser to bring educational TV to public schools nationwide. Manila Mayor Lito Atienza (second from left) with wife Evelyn "Beng" Atienza, Lopez Group chair Oscar M. Lopez and KCFI president Rina Lopez-Bautista lead the participants.

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Kings, Aces gun for 2nd wins today

NOBODY SURVIVES RED BULL BARAKO unscathed.

That's why coach Tim Cone is expected to use his deep bench to the hilt when the Alaska Aces tackle the Barakos in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference today at the Araneta Coliseum.

"It's always war versus Red Bull," said the multititled Alaska mentor. "They're very physical so I have to rotate my players out there and wear them out."

The Aces are shooting for a second straight win against the Barako at 4:10 p.m. with Barangay Ginebra trying to match that effort when they tangle with Sta. Lucia Realty at 6:40 p.m.

Endowed with a talented lineup, Cone can shuffle his wards freely without sacrificing the team's competitive fire.

GAMES TODAY
(Araneta Coliseum)
4:10 p.m.—Alaska vs Red Bull Barako
6:40 p.m.—Barangay Ginebra vs Sta. Lucia Realty

While Cone rotates only five to seven players before, he now has a full deck of Aces at his disposal after acquiring Tony Dela Cruz and last year's rookie of the year, Rich Alvarez, from the disbanded Shell Turbochargers.

Cone even found no need to field Bong Hawkins and Willy Wilson during their triumphant 80-75 season-opener against the Sta. Lucia Realtors.

Brandon Cablay, Jeffrey Cariaso, Mike Cortez, Reynel Hugnatan, Sonny Thoss and Don Allado, who were comfortable playing extended minutes, now have to share time with Dela Cruz, Alvarez and import Tee McClary.

They will be ranged against Rico Villanueva, Lordy Tugade, Junthy Valenzuela, Cyrus Baguio, Jimwell Torion, Nelson Asaytono and rookies Leo Najorda, Paolo Bugia and Larry Fonacier.

Red Bull's Quemont Greer has also impressed Cone despite the Barako's opening-day setback against the Purefoods Chunkee Giants.

"(Marquin) Chandler hit the news the following day but I think Greer outplayed him in that game," said Cone.

Coach Siot Tanquingcen and the Kings also expect another tough fight against the Realtors.

"With the rookies, they're now a complete team," said Tanquingcen of the Realtors following the Gin Kings' victory over sister team Coca-Cola. *June Navarro*

Indons nip RP spikers

GAMES TODAY (*Rizal Coliseum*)
3 p.m.—Myanmar vs Indonesia
5 p.m.—Thailand vs Philippines

By Marc Anthony Reyes

INDONESIA TOOK ADVANTAGE OF THE Philippines' spotty defense all game long to hack out a hard-earned 14-25, 25-22, 25-19, 22-25, 15-10 victory last night in the Shakey's Invitational volleyball championships at the Rizal Coliseum.

Just when the Filipinos thought the Indonesians were pushovers after a no-sweat first set, the visitors came back behind do-it-all spiker Siti Nurjanah, who punished the hosts with powerful spikes and impeccable drop shots.

What made things worse for the Filipinos, who are using the tournament as a tune-up for the Southeast Asian Games next month, was their poor defense at mid-court, where the Indonesians landed bombs with impunity.

"We had a problem with our floor defense and we can't execute our game plan," said RP coach Ramil de Jesus.

The loss dropped the Philippines into a tie with Indonesia at 1-1. Thailand routed winless Myanmar, 25-6, 25-12, 25-15, for a 2-0 record.

The RP belles battled the Indons to a 22-22 tie in the second set before Nurjanah took over with powerful spikes and crafty placements.

The Indonesians survived the strong pounding from Roxanne Pimentel, Michelle Carolino and Cherry Rose Macatangay to take the third set as well.

Que-Rosales slides to 4th

KUALA LUMPUR—ANGELO QUE AND GERALD Rosales struggled to keep pace with the hot four-ball scoring Saturday and dropped to a tie for fourth after three rounds of the World Cup Qualifier at the Kota Permain Golf and Country Club.

The Filipino pair managed no better than a five-under-par 67 for a 203 total in the company of Thailand and Finland.

Singapore, represented by Mardam Mamat and Lam Chih Bing, kept its one-stroke lead over Malaysia after coming up with matching 64s.

The Singaporeans stood at 198 with the Malaysian duo of Iain Steel and Danny Chia a stroke behind at 199. Two strokes off the Malaysians were Wang Ter-chang and Chang Tse-peng of Chinese Taipei, who carded a 65.

The top two teams after Sunday's final round will qualify to the Algarve World Cup in Portugal.

Rosales 4 down

In Auburn, California, Jennifer Rosales shot a 66 for a two-day total 137 that put her within four strokes of the lead in the Longs Drugs Challenge Friday at the Ridge Golf Club course. Dawn Coe-Jones also had a 66 to lead with a 133.

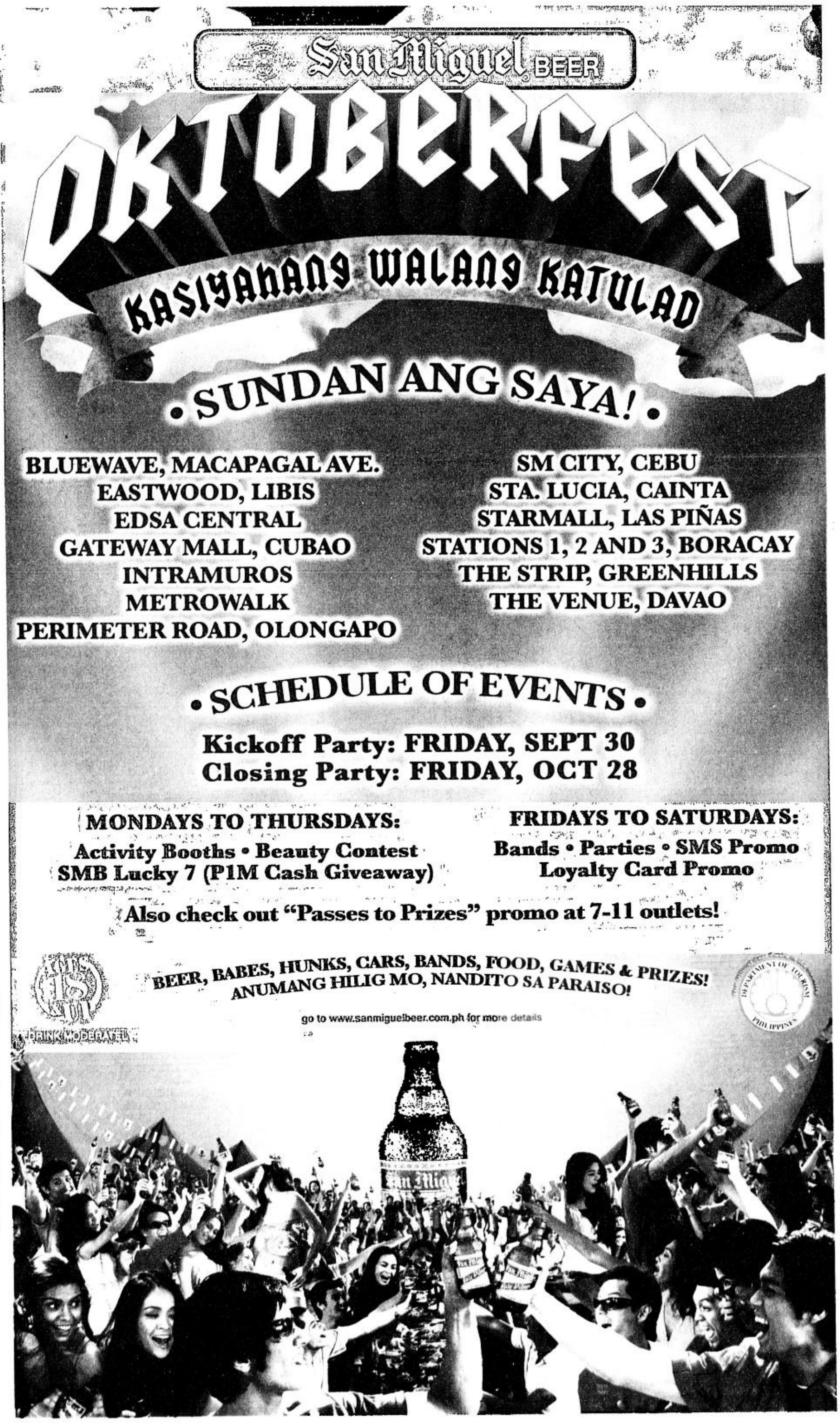
Cavite grabs North crown

FAR EASTERN INSURANCE-BACKED Cavite held off Bacchus/Harbour Centre, 70-66, Friday to win the Northern Conference title in the 2005 Panasonic-NBC national basketball championship at the San Beda College gym in Mendiola.

Ex-pro Marvin Ortiguerra paced the Insurers of Bacoor Vice Mayor Edwin Malvar and supporter Gov. Ireneo "Ayong" Maliksi with 18 points, five rebounds, three assists and two blocks.

However, it was ex-UE Warrior enforcer Jay-Ar Estrada who doused water on Bacchus/Harbour's last-ditch rally by knocking in nine of his 12 points in the payoff period.

Over in Cebu, defending champion Tribu Sugbu arranged a showdown with Ozamiz for the Southern Conference title by sweeping expansion team Valencia Golden Harvest, 72-67, at the Minglanilla Sports Center.



Anybody's affair in Tumbok Cup

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

SILVER CHO CHO MAY BE ONE OF THE most battle-scarred horses around but she always spells danger each time she runs. At 8 years, the massive roan mare will be the oldest campaigner when the Philracom-INQUIRER Publications (Tumbok) Cup unfolds today at the Santa Ana Park.

Nine other veteran chargers are taking part in the 1,500-meter event which is expected to be an anybody's affair.

Challenging Silver Cho Cho are Ocean Cookie, Nitty Gritty, Time Will Reveal, Manila Magic, Calvin's Magic, Step on the Gas, Powerhouse, Audrey's Temper and Red Storm, who at 2 is the youngest in the field but has already amassed 24 starts.

Adding spice to the race staged by the Philracom and the INQUIRER's sister publication for the benefit of Hands-On Manila is the fact that 10 apprentice jockeys are tasked to ride entries who did not win in their last assignments.

Silver Cho Cho, with 110 runs and only 10 wins to her credit since she started campaigning in 1997, has drawn Jessie Apellido as partner as she aims to bounce back from a narrow loss to Highly Connected last Tuesday while under the guidance of regular partner Gilberto Mejico.

John Alvin Guce is guiding Ocean Cookie, while Christopher Garganta, Brian Yamzon, Randy Lagrata, Allan Berba, Kenneth Bergancia, C.H. Vicente Jr., R.L. De Guzman Jr. and A.T. Ching are partnering Nitty Gritty, Time Will Reveal, Manila Magic, Calvin's Magic, Step on the Gas, Powerhouse, Audrey's Temper and Red Storm, respectively.

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Race 11-1. Being There 2. Sound Offer 3. Cutting Edge 4. Marque 5. Wear the Fox Hat
Race 12-1. Harrod's Magic 2. Tactical Move/Simply Gold 3.Magic Dancer 4. She Jinsky
Race 13-1. Brazen Truth 2. Modern Classic 3. Princess Dancer 4. Red Anya 5. I Remain 6. Gelay's Charm

MMC cagers win

METRO MANILA COLLEGE FOUND AN UNLIKELY hero in Ryan Urayenza to pull the rug from under Manuel Luis Quezon University, 67-65, and clinch a quarterfinal berth in the 11th Cusa men's basketball tournament at the CCP gym in Sta. Mesa, Manila. Urayenza grabbed an offensive rebound and nailed the marginal basket as time expired to power the Bisons to their sixth win against five losses at the end of the single-round elimination.

Urayenza's game-winning basket came after Alvin Vitug tied the score at 65 with 18 seconds left. MMC set up a quarterfinal showdown against Central Colleges of the Philippines, 93-77, winner over Las Piñas College.

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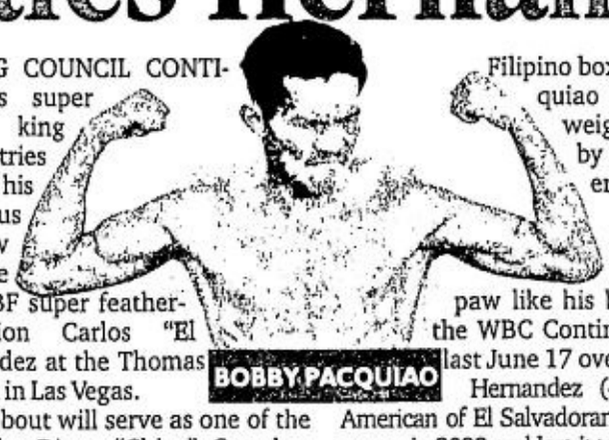
Younger Pacquiao battles Hernandez



WORLD BOXING COUNCIL CONTINental Americas super featherweight king Bobby Pacquiao tries to step out of his more illustrious brother's shadow today when he battles former IBF super featherweight champion Carlos "El Famoso" Hernandez at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

The 10-round bout will serve as one of the undercards to the Diego "Chico" Corrales-Jose Luis Castillo world lightweight championship rematch dubbed "Uno Mas."

Solar Sports and RPN-9 will air the fights on simulcast starting at 10 a.m. today.

Pacquiao came in at 130 lbs in yesterday's weigh-in while the 34-year-old Hernandez tipped the beam at 132.

Filipino boxing star Manny Pacquiao was also at the weigh-in accompanied by Cebu-based promoter Rex "Wakee" Salud.

The 24-year-old Pacquiao (25-11-3, 11 KOs), a southpaw like his brother Manny, won the WBC Continental Americas title last June 17 over Carlos Navarro.

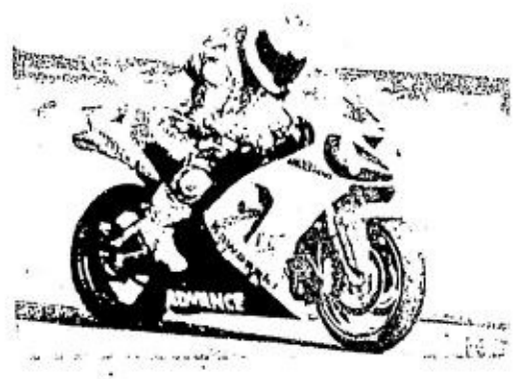
Hernandez (41-5-1, 24 KOs), an American of El Salvadoran descent, won the IBF crown in 2003 and lost it to Erik Morales in a unification bout a year later. He has never been stopped in all his five losses.

Renowned trainer Freddie Roach, who has been supervising Bobby's training at the Wild Card Gym in Los Angeles, said he is not discounting an upset win by the younger Pacquiao.

Salven L. Lagumbay

Delo Sports 4x4 series race today

THE FRUITS OF A MASsive four-year support by Caltex to the sport of off-roading will be shown when the DELO Sports National Extreme 4x4 Series holds its fourth and final leg today in Del Monte, Bulacan. National Association of Filipino Off-Roaders president Brian Diaz expects a slam bang encounter among the country's best off-roaders aboard their monster trucks, sports utility vehicles and 4x4 racing machines. The final stop of the series will determine the 2005 Driver of the Year. Last year's top off-roader Tim Tom Gempesaw will be going up against a field led by 2nd leg king Butoy Gamallo and 3rd leg champion Roger Peyra. The event to be hosted by the Del Monte Off-Road Club headed by Saldy Fernando, is sponsored by Caltex Delo Sports, a synthetic-based engine oil designed for gasoline or diesel-powered SUVs and 4x4s.



NINTH CROWN: Reigning titlist Jolet Jao of Shell Advance-Kawasaki displays the form that gave him his ninth title in the 2005 Shell Advance Superbikes Series sponsored by Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Kilton Motors, Yokohama and Densot.

Alta Vista bets pace SLR Tour

CEBU—HOST ALTA Vista took the lead positions in two divisions and appeared headed for a sweep with its three other teams in contention in the third division after the opening round of the Sta. Lucia Golf Tour 2005 here. Alta Vista's top gunners—Carl Almario, Ramontito Garcia, Joseph Stevens and Edito Tirol—led Cebuanos' surge by posting a seven-point lead over Eagle Ridge in the Group I division. Almario and Tirol each had 52 points while Garcia was the third player to count with his 49. Stevens' 48 didn't count. Eagle Ridge tallied 146 on the 51s of Jan Coup Tambogon and Gary Sales and 44 of Arnold Jumalon, two ahead of another Alta Vista team. Lakewood, debuting in this series for Sta. Lucia's golf courses, claimed fourth spot at 141 built around the 52 of Richard Joson.

Ayala Greenfield Invt'l up

TICKETS TO GERMANY FROM Lufthansa, business class tickets to the US from PAL, and domestic flights via Asian Spirit will be at stake in the first 2005 Ayala Greenfield Invitational on Oct. 16 at the Ayala Greenfield Estates in Calamba, Laguna. The tournament, presented by Ayala Greenfield, The Bellevue Manila, Smart Infinity, and Sony Ericsson and in part by Petron Phils., marks the official opening of the Ayala Greenfield Golf and Leisure Club, an all-weather, 18-hole championship golf course designed by Robert Trent Jones Jr. "This tournament will introduce golfers to the championship-level course of AGE," said AGE Golf and Leisure club GM Laurent Lamasuta.

SPORTSWATCH

Guidicelli gears up for race double

REIGNING Karter of the Year Matteo Guidicelli of the Cebu Racing Group will have to deal with tough rival Marlon Stockinger in the championship round of the 2005 Shell Superkarting Series today at the Carmona Circuit Philippines. Guidicelli is eyeing another double title in this event sanctioned by the Automobile Association of the Philippines and sponsored by the Pilipinas Shell Petroleum Corp., Honda Phils. Inc., Denso Iridium Power, Bridgestone by Phil. Allied Ent. Corp., DMCI Homes, Eastway Motorcycle Racing, Aeromed and Aviva Insurance.

LGBA submission of weights today

ENTRIES to the second leg of the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) 7-Stag Derby must be submitted today at the Araneta Coliseum green gate, from 2-9 p.m. Two rounds of eliminations will be held tomorrow and on Thursday. Action starts at 2 p.m. tomorrow. The finals is Oct. 18. More than 130 entries are competing in the second leg, said LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz. Sponsors are Lakpue Drug Inc., Robichem, Excellence Gamefowl Specialists, Thunderbird Enertone and Vitarich Panabong. For details, call 926-7808, 924-5072 and 0920-5851940.

Sagupaan posts perfect score

PATRICK Antonio's heavily favored Sagupaan Complexor 3000 Pacman entry emerged solo champion with a perfect score of five points in the Gentlemen Cockers Association of the Philippines (GCAP) 5-stag derby Wednesday night at San Juan Coliseum. Antonio moved closer to bagging the GCAP Stagfighter of the Year award. Antonio fielded Roundhead Kelsos of Negros breeder Ernesto Bilbao. The next GCAP 5-stag derby unfolds on Wednesday also at San Juan Coliseum. Submission of entries is on Tuesday, from 2-9 p.m. Call 725-5665, 725-5369 and 727-7086 (Ariel).

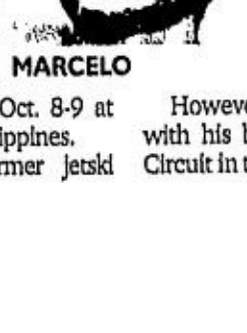
Cainta Coliseum 5-stag derby

BIG-TIME cockfighting shifts to the newly opened Cainta Coliseum on Tuesday via the Daytime 5-stag derby featuring more than 90 fights. Derby hosts are Cainta Coliseum operators Sam Mendoza, Beng Calivoso and Aba Badiola, who have invited their fellow members from the National Cockers Association and Pasay Cockpit Cockers Association. Submission of weights is tomorrow, from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. For inquiries, call 655-3334 and 0918-2620338 (Aba). Entry fee is P22,000.

Team Entom tops batting tilt

TEAM Entom routed team Titans, 83-40, in the Open Division while Matts walloped Marist, 52-41, in the High School Division to rule the opening leg of the first Adidas Batting Challenge held recently at the Adidas Sports Kamp, The Fort. Emerson Atillano, Andrew Cuyugan, Jonash Ponce, Joey Guerrero and Jut Angeles of Entom and Jay Laurel, Matt Laurell, Antonio Brias and Nico Uichico of Matts were awarded gift certificates. Call t 8160951 or Santi Ledesma at 0920-9005739.

Marcelo eyes Rotax Novice title


MARCELO

TOP ROOKIE CONtender Jean Stefano Marcelo of Marcelo Racing will try to go all out as he sets his eyes on the Formula Rotax Max Novice crown today in the championship round of the 2005 Shell Superkarting Series on Oct. 8-9 at the Carmona Circuit Philippines.

Marcelo, son of former jetski champ and AF3 driver John Marcelo, expects a tough showdown with his uncle Dino Jacinto in today's pre-final and final race as they share leadership in the Rotax Max Novice division with identical 252 points.

However, Marcelo has the edge with his big win at the Carmona Circuit in the kickoff leg.

FESTIVAL OF FESTIVALS

CINEMANILA and the CITY OF MANILA present its line-up of exciting events for this year's most-awaited festival:

Opening Night
The official opening of the festival on October 12 at the Manila Hotel

Screenings of acclaimed local and foreign films
Over seventy-five award-winning and critically-acclaimed films from different countries to be screened in selected theaters

Local Digital Film Competition
The grandest digital film festival in the country with over three million pesos to be given out in prizes

Philippine Digital Film Panorama
Featuring the Philippines' best digital films of 2005

Young Cinema Night
A short film exhibition especially dedicated to promising young filmmakers.

Awards Night
Happening at the Alay Theatre on October 19, telecast over RPN 9

Raymond Red Retrospective
Featuring early films of 2000 Cannes Palm d'Or recipient Raymond Red

Korean Cinema Focus (Tribute to Kim Dong Ho and the Pusan International Film Festival)
Pusan Film Festival Director, Kim Dong Ho, graces Cinemanila as Korea gets the spotlight with their award-winning films

Nordic Lights Program
A showcase of award winning films from Finland, Sweden, Norway, Denmark

Lifetime Achievement Award
Cinemanila grants the Lifetime Achievement Award to Roger Corman, dubbed as the most prolific auteur in the film industry

International Night
A gathering of foreign guests and the diplomatic community, with cocktails and special premieres co-sponsored by different embassies that seek to promote their homegrown films

Mayor's Day
A special day dedicated to Manila Mayor Lito Atienza, recognizing his valuable contribution to the festival and the local film industry

2nd Boracay Co-Production Meeting
A gathering of local filmmakers and foreign producers to discuss future film projects

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POBLETE: Sletba record

Poblete rolls 2 perfect games

FORMER NATIONAL BOWLER Richie Poblete of TBAM/Prima rolled two perfect games and finished with a four-game series (300-267-236-300) Open Singles record to top the Open Masters qualifying in the ongoing 9th Sletba Open Championships at the Sta. Lucia bowling center Thursday night.

Poblete has also scored back-to-back 299s and a 3-game series of 800 in the past 57 days.

He now owns a new 4-game series national record of 1103 in this Sletba tilt.

Notably, it was in same lanes where he earned P50,000 in Sept. 25, 1996, for rolling a perfect 300 in the first synthetic lanes in the country. He rolled his first 300 game in the 1996 Metba Open, when paired with RP champion Rene Reyes, to win the doubles plum.

His first perfect game earned him P100,000—his highest single-game earning so far.

Chicago sweeps Boston

White Sox knock crown off Red Sox's heads

BOSTON—PAUL KONERKO HIT A TWO-run homer in the sixth and Orlando Hernandez pitched three innings of one-hit relief to give Chicago a 5-3 victory over Boston on Friday, sweeping the defending champion Red Sox out the Major League Baseball playoffs and winning the White Sox's first postseason series since 1917.

Konerko's homer put Chicago ahead, 4-2, and gave White Sox fans hope that their club may be destined for its first World Series title since the 1919 "Black Sox" scandal. Eight members of the Chicago team were banned from MLB for taking bribes from gamblers to lose the championship series to the Cincinnati Reds.

Boston ended an 86-year title drought last year but was eliminated in three games, halting its hopes for its first repeat titles since 1915-16.

The Red Sox cut it to 4-3 when Manny Ramirez led off the sixth with his second homer of the game, then they loaded the bases—still with none out. But Hernandez induced pinch-hitter Jason Varitek and Tony Graffanino to pop up to the infield, then Johnny Damon struck out on a check swing to end the inning.

The White Sox lost in the '19 and '59 Series and the '83, '93 and 2000 playoffs. With the three-game sweep, they are the first team to advance to the second round of the American League playoffs, where they will play the winner of the series between the Los Angeles Angels and New York Yankees that was tied 1-1 heading into Friday night. *AP*

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Del Rosario leads World Cup elims

DEFENDING CHAMPION Liza del Rosario and unheralded JC Tupaz showed the way at the start of the four-day Bowling World Cup national finals Thursday and Friday at Paeng's Midtown Bowl in Ermita, Manila.

Del Rosario shot a 10-game series of 2140 to lead Ellen Ramos (2109) and Apple Posadas (2083) in the ladies' division.

Tupaz collected a 12-game total of 2793 to lead Vlad Tuazon (2781) and four-time World Cup champion Paeng Nepomuceno (2739) in the men's competition.

Only 28 men and 29 ladies remained in the hunt for the national title—and the right to compete in the international finals in Ljubjlana, Slovenia, on Nov. 13-20—after the first round.

They resume their respective bids today at Starmall Lanes in Mandaluyong. The ladies roll another 10 games at 9 a.m. while the men vie in 12 more games starting at 1 p.m. Only the top eight in each division, based on their cumulative scores, will make it to the final day on Tuesday, Sept. 11, at SM Megamall.

Former World Cup champion Bong Coo pulled a big surprise Thursday by checking in fourth place with 2071, ahead of current national bowlers Irene Benitez and Jojo Canare.

Benitez came in sixth at 1993, behind Elaine Florencio (2061), while Canare, who recently topped the Hong Kong Open, finished eight at 1975, nine pins behind Jaymee Bautista.

In the men's division, defending titlist Chester King submitted 2717 to rank fifth, one pin ahead of former World Cup holder CJ Suarez.

Monty clings to lead

SAN FRANCISCO—Colin Montgomerie scrambled for a 1-under 69 Friday at Harding Park, leaving him one shot clear of John Daly and David Howell of England after two rounds of the American Express Championship. Daly had a 67, while Howell spoiled his 67 with a final-hole bogey. The pair finished at 6-under 134, one shot ahead of Tiger Woods and five others. Montgomerie, Howell and Daly will be in the final group Saturday. Woods settled for a 68 that left him at 135 with a large group that included Mark Calcavecchia. *AP*

Big boxing rematch still on

LAS VEGAS—Diego Corrales and Jose Luis Castillo were supposed to meet for the lightweight title. Instead, there will likely be a couple of welterweights in the ring Saturday night. The promoters managed to salvage the fight that appeared in jeopardy after Castillo weighed in well over the 135-pound lightweight limit. They did it by deciding on having another weigh-in for Castillo about five hours before the fighters enter the ring Saturday night. Castillo will have to weigh in at 147 lb or pay Corrales $75,000 for each pound over that weight. *AP*

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Kudos to FEU; hooray for HSBC

SPECTATOR

Al S. Mendoza

I HAD SERIOUSLY THOUGHT THERE WOULD be a Game 3 in the UAAP Championship between Far Eastern University and De La Salle. Almost everything pointed to that. But as things turned out, FEU went on to beat De La Salle twice to sweep the best-of-three series.

That shocked the pundits no end. They couldn't believe it had happened. De La Salle was a team not known to crack under pressure.

But this time, it did. Its twin setbacks were both mainly the result of endgame collapses. Surely, it would take some time before the wounds could completely heal for the badly bruised Green Archers, their egos astonishingly brutalized twice in a row.

But one thing I can say though is, the gods weren't on De La Salle's side this time.

In Game One alone, the Archers were up by three points with seconds left. Five straight points by Arwind Santos, triggered by his own triple, gave FEU a two-point victory.

One man can get away with that, a major flaw on defense is evident.

But still, that is not to discount Arwind Santos' artistry from beyond the arc and his resourcefulness at crunch time. He isn't MVP for the second straight year for nothing.

I thought De La Salle coach Franz Pumaren would learn from that and win Game Two to force a winner-take-all.

I was wrong.

In Game Two, the Archers were again ahead—this time, by four points—with under two minutes to go.

Alas, as in Game One, De La Salle likewise got crushed under the weight of FEU's uncanny ability to devise an escape act against the country's acknowledged No. 1 collegiate defensive team.

So, if it was Arwind Santos emerging hero in Game One, it was the duo of Jonas Villanueva and Mark Isip that authored the second killing of De La Salle.

But I doff my hat off chiefly to FEU coach Bert Flores, who deviated from the usual in successfully waylaying the normally brilliant tactical maneuvers of Pumaren.

Correctly sensing that Pumaren would pounce on Santos in his most crucial game plan for the season, Flores ordered Villanueva as decoy, ordering his point guard to attack the lane with impunity to bait the Archer defense to collapse on him.

The ploy paid off.

As three Archers came to smother the rushing Villanueva, Isip, serving as trailer, was left open and got a drop pass from Villanueva in what proved to be the assist of the tournament. Isip laid up virtually unmolested, in the process earning a desperation foul before proceeding to complete the three-point play en route to giving FEU the UAAP crown in Flores' rookie year as a coach.

I'm sure Franz Pumaren hasn't fully recovered yet from the trauma of it all. The De La Salle coach is never used to absorbing two defeats in a row and if he should resign again the way he did last year when he won his fifth UAAP crown in seven years, I won't be surprised if he does it so irrevocably this time.

Right after De La Salle suffered its most stinging defeat in years on Thursday, a friend sent me this text message: "Now Manny Salgado can watch Game 3. He-he."

Way to go, fellas.

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One tournament that has caught fire hereabouts mainly because of its prestige and the very professional way it's being handled year in and year out (take a bow, Laine Santana) is the HSBC Golf Invitational. Its latest edition, held on Friday, Oct. 7, at the picturesque Tagaytay Highlands/Midlands, was proof to this once more. Well-organized, the players were simply oozing with praise.

With Johnny Litton again at his best emceeing the Awards Ceremonies, HSBC top honcho Warner Manning couldn't ask for more and the 200 or so guests from giant corporations and select HSBC friends were justified in giving Warner warm applause when he strode up the podium to deliver his speech. Cheers!

Cheers also by the way to the winners: Marie Claire Ong as ladies champion with a 68, nipping Sandy Prieto-Romualdez who shot 69. Men's Gold: Danilo Alcoseba 69, Alexander Ty 70 (9 pars, 5 bogeys). Silver: Michael Tom Pesengco 71 (1 birdie, 8 pars), Francisco Lapid 71 (1 birdie, 5 pars). Bronze: Vincent Tanchuling 71 (1 birdie), Harry Portillo 71.

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FASTBREAK. Dan Nino, my boyhood friend now based in Los Angeles, California, reports that another smashing success was recorded during the 6th PAL-Century Park Hotel Golf Challenge on Sept. 10 at the El Prado in Chino, where some 200 players saw action including Steve Naguiat, Century Park Hotel's dashing senior executive. Cheers! . . . ERRATA. Bacolod City is never in Panay Island but is in Negros Island. "Insofar" is always one word, never "in so far."

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George Clooney on directing, his passions and romance (no, he's not dating Brad or Matt)

ONLY IN HOLLYWOOD

Ruben V. Nepales

LOS ANGELES—IT WILL BE A CLOSE fight for the Best Actor prize, come awards season.

This early, there's a crowd of possible contenders. We daresay this is one of the toughest fields we've seen:

•**Philip Seymour Hoffman** as novelist Truman Capote in "Capote."

•**David Strathairn** as TV newsman Edward R. Murrow in "Good Night, and Good Luck."

•**Viggo Mortensen**, who leads a quiet life as the owner of a diner, until gangsters appear in "A History of Violence."

•**Joaquin Phoenix** as country singer Johnny Cash in "Walk the Line."

• **Heath Ledger** and **Jake Gyllenhaal** as cowboys who unexpectedly fall in love in "Brokeback Mountain."

•**Ralph Fiennes** as a diplomat whose wife is murdered in "The Constant Gardener."

PHILIP Seymour Hoffman as Truman Capote

The list will surely grow as the studios and indies release their *pambato* in the fall season, which has just begun.

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Partly responsible for the inclusion of a relative unknown, David Strathairn, in this circle is his "Good Night, and Good Luck" director, **George Clooney**. David already has an edge over his rivals—he won Best Actor at the recent Venice Film Festival.

In "Good Night," David gives a nuanced performance—a stare here, a furtive glance there—as CBS journalist Murrow who battles United States Sen. **Joseph McCarthy** and the House Un-American Activities Committee during the communist witch hunts in the 1950s. George courageously shot his film in black and white to capture the era, and succeeded. **Dianne Reeves**, a favorite singer of ours since the early 1980s, sings beautiful standards onscreen to further evoke the period. Note that George is the nephew of the late singer **Rosemary Clooney**, a superstar in the 1950s.

George co-wrote the script and gained weight to also act in the film as Murrow's producer.

The newscasting world is a subject close to George's heart—he grew up and did odd jobs at the TV studio where his father, **Nick Clooney**, was a newscaster.

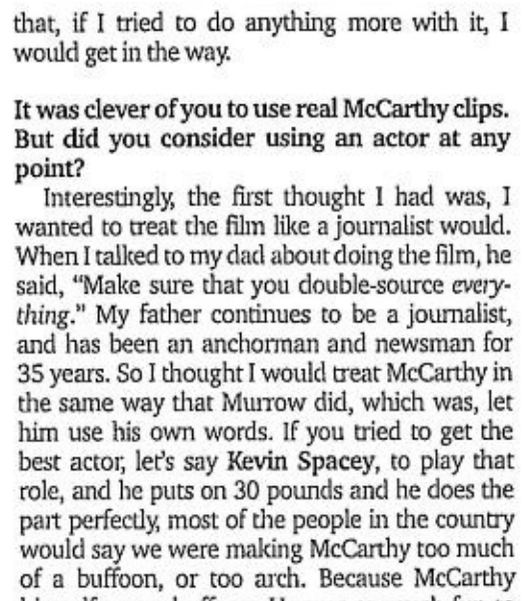
George, an Irish Catholic, is passionate about his politics. But he knows how to have fun—he keeps his pet pig of many years, Max, at his lakeside Italian villa. The 44-year-old bachelor likes riding his favorite motorcycle up in the Alps. And he is a major investor in a high-end Las Vegas casino complex.

George may yet join the Best Actor race in the still-to-be-seen "Syriana," adapted from CIA agent **Robert Baer**'s memoir in post-Cold War Middle East. He gained weight for the role but the extra pounds damaged his spine. In his joking, self-deprecating manner, George declared himself an "old man."

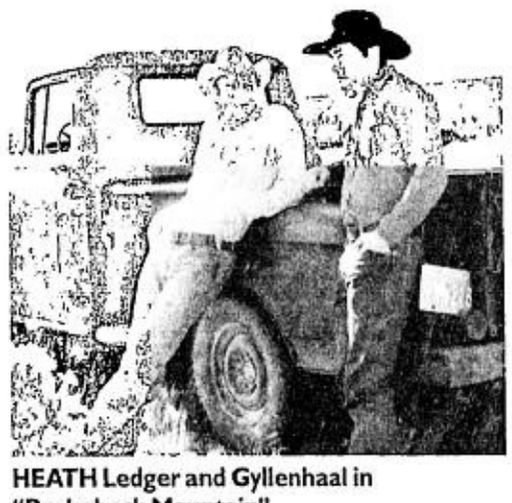
Below are excerpts of our talk at the press con.

You have brilliantly recreated the 1950s. Weren't you worried that filming in black and white may be too risky?

I felt that in this MTV generation, where everyone's afraid that no one has an attention span longer than three seconds, silence and stillness are actually to our benefit. The [dialogues] are so good, the actors are so good. David is so good. When you can put a camera on someone for five minutes and not move it, you've got a good actor and you've got good words. We did it in black and white because we were going to use real McCarthy footage. From the very beginning, I felt there was such a simplicity to 1953 and 1954 that, if I tried to do anything more with it, I would get in the way.



DAVID Strathairn as Edward R. Murrow



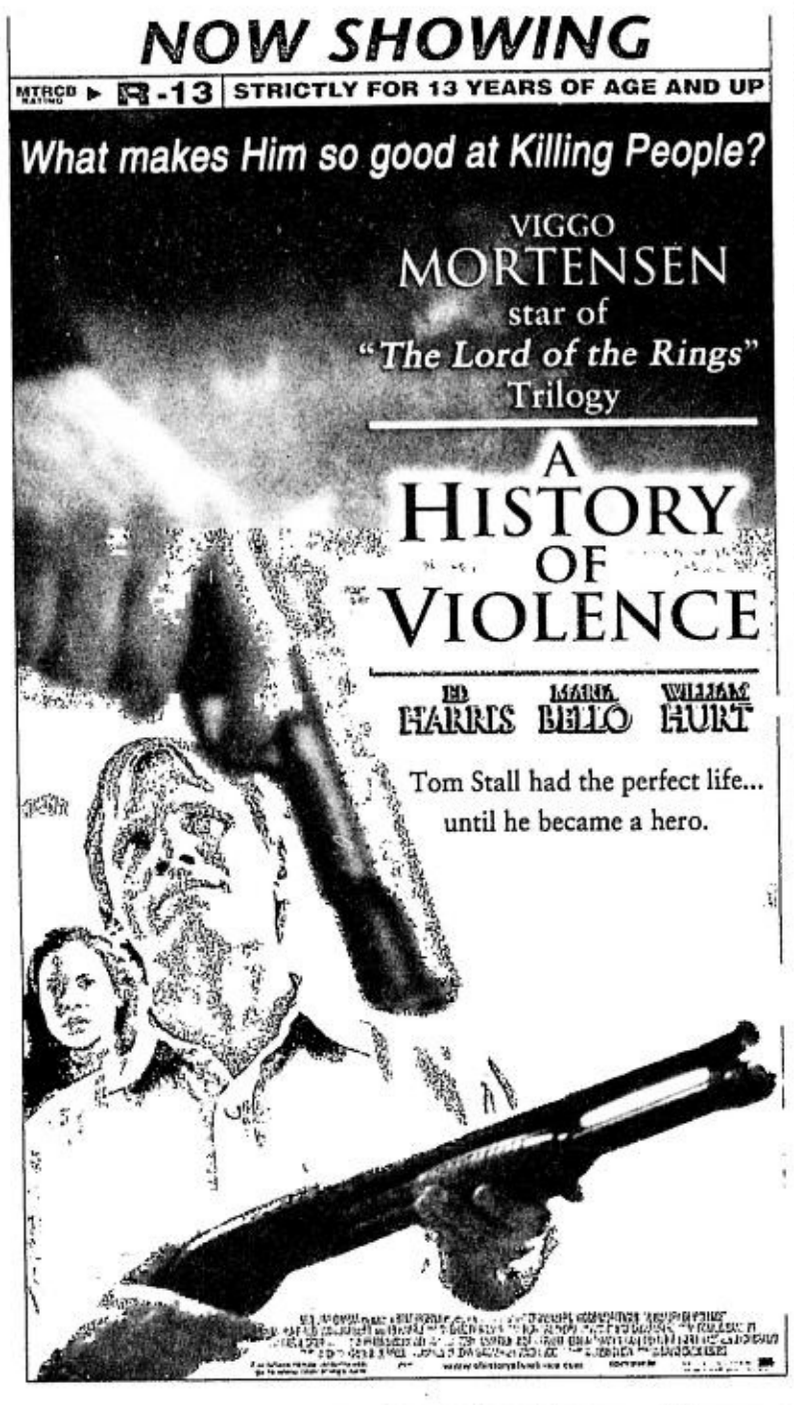
HEATH Ledger and Gyllenhaal in "Brokeback Mountain"

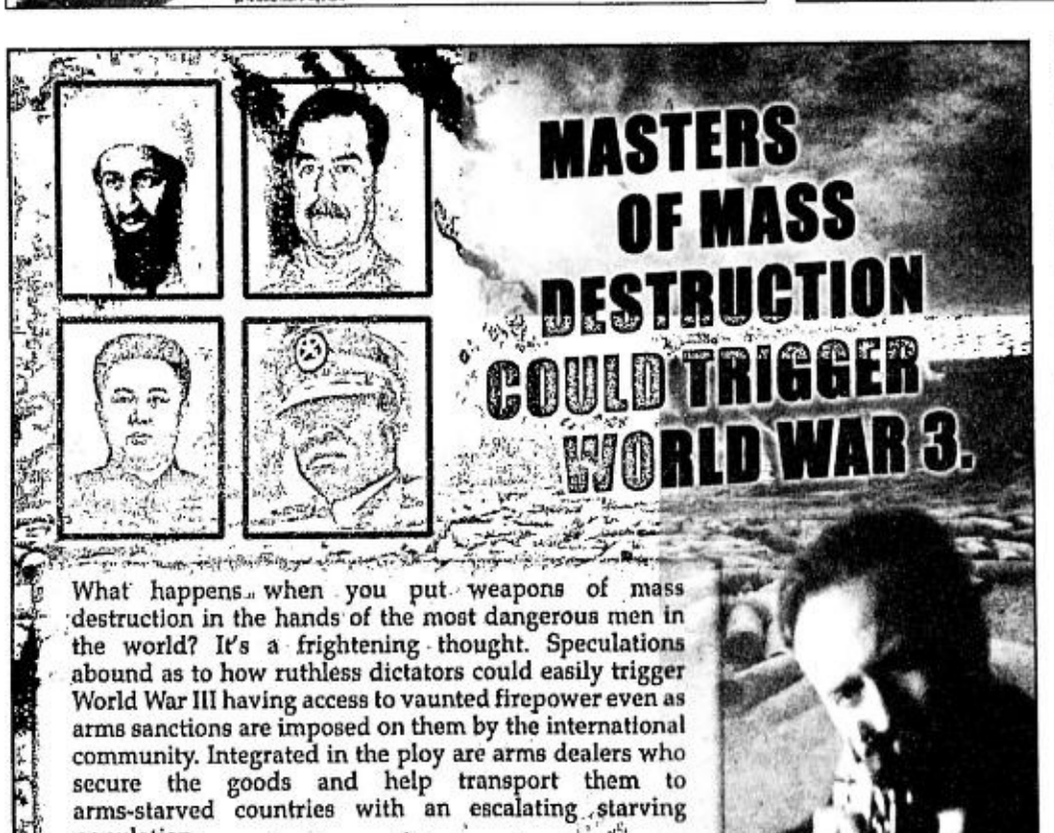
It was clever of you to use real McCarthy clips. But did you consider using an actor at any point?

Interestingly, the first thought I had was, I wanted to treat the film like a journalist would. When I talked to my dad about doing the film, he said, "Make sure that you double-source *everything*." My father continues to be a journalist, and has been an anchorman and newsman for 35 years. So I thought I would treat McCarthy in the same way that Murrow did, which was, let him use his own words. If you tried to get the best actor, let's say **Kevin Spacey**, to play that role, and he puts on 30 pounds and he does the part perfectly, most of the people in the country would say we were making McCarthy too much of a buffoon, or too arch. Because McCarthy himself was a buffoon. He was so much fun to just put up on screen.

The scene where David as Murrow interviews the real Liberace from footage and then segues to the news is interesting. It presages the trend in our time now, where the line between news and entertainment is blurred.

But I think that it has always been that way. In 1953, Murrow had to do a person-to-person with Liberace because that was what sold. The bigger issue is television broadcast news. For example, there is no news value at all in a police car chase. But we watch them in California all the time. That is simply trying to get people to watch your news. I think there is a





happy middle ground where entertainment and news can continually weave within one another.

There has to be a responsible voice at the end that says, more important than that car chase might be these three stories that could actually inform you.

But I have great hope for the state of broadcast news. In the coverage of the hurricanes, it was the first time that I'd seen some teeth in some broadcast journalists in a while. They weren't afraid of going at any administration—Democrat, Republican. It was good to see that again.

Tell us about growing up in broadcasting, since this must have been part of the reason that you wanted to do this movie.

Television is a big part of my life. My father worked in a tiny TV station in Cincinnati, Ohio. In the summers, my mom worked on the show. They didn't have a lot of money, so there weren't any babysitters for us, apart from WKRC. We'd go there from the time when I was 6 years old. By the time I was 8 or 9 years old, I was a cue card boy. I was operating a teleprompter for my dad by the time I was 11. Then I became a floor director.

The game shows were exciting. But the most exciting for me was to sit on the floor and watch my father, who was a news director, with all these great reporters sitting around. And he'd sit back and go, "Ok, what do you have?" And they would pitch what they thought should be the lead news story. I did that for 10 years. This movie was informed by the things that my father did and taught me.

We cannot talk or write about you without bringing up a "serious" subject —George Clooney and romance.

I knew that was coming. I like that we're doing a movie about entertainment pushing news out and then I have to answer a question about romance (laughter). I will say this out loud now and officially: I'm not dating Brad Pitt or

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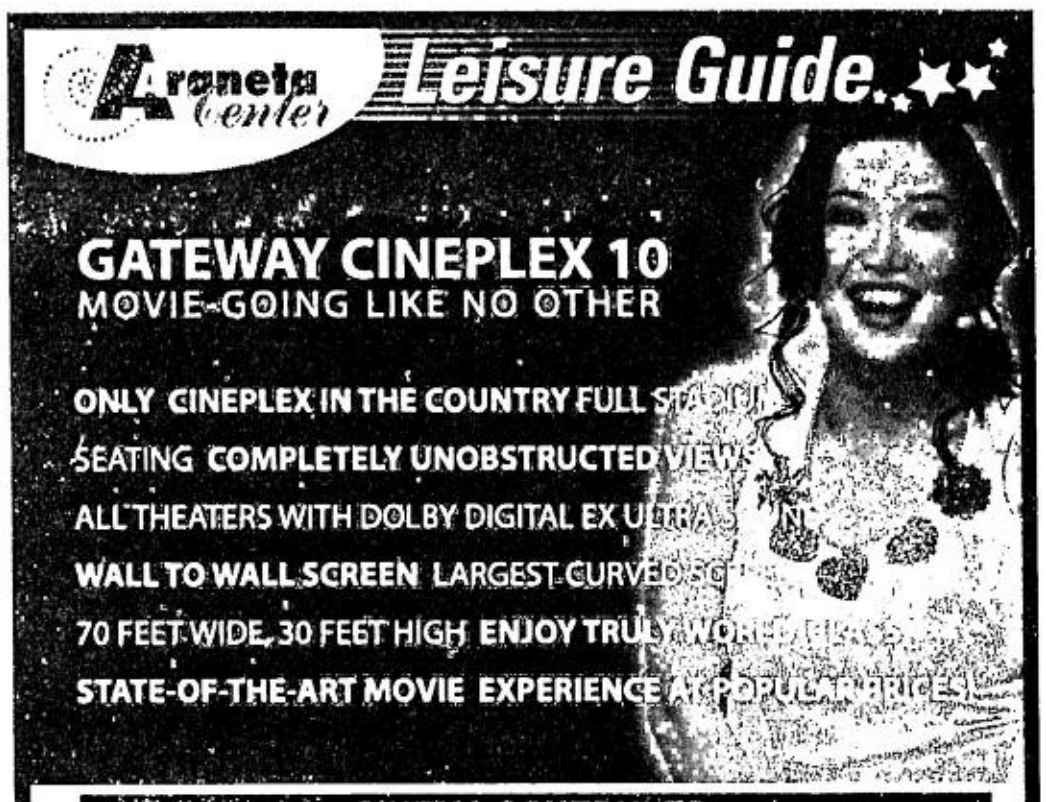

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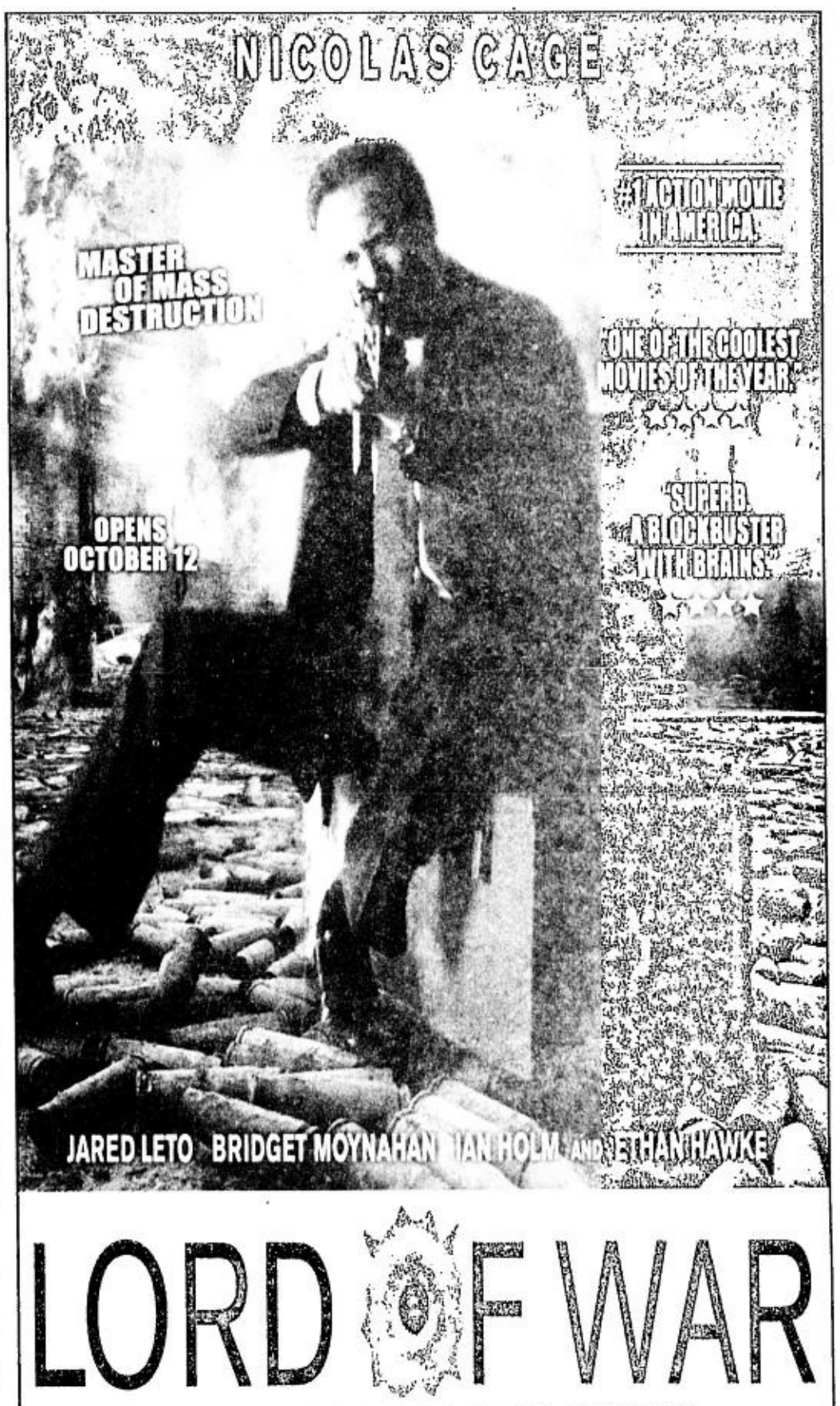

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SM NORTH EDSA: 1 HISTORY OF VIOLENCE; 2 DUBAI; 3 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 4 LAND OF THE DEAD; 5 TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE; 6 TRANSPORTER 2; 7 INTO THE BLUE; 8 DUBAI
SM CITY SIA MESA: 1 INTO THE BLUE; 2 LAND OF.THE DEAD; 3 TRANSPORTER 2; 4 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 5 DUBAI; 6 PERFECT MAN; 7 UNDISCOVERED; 8 BLADE OF THE ROSE; 9 HISTORY OF VIOLENCE; 10 BROTHERS GRIMM
SM CITY SOUTHMALL: 1 INTO THE BLUE; 2 TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE; 3 DUBAI; 4 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 5 LAZARUS CHILD; 6 HISTORY OF VIOLENCE; 7 TRANSPORTER 2; 8 LAND OF THE DEAD; 9 UNDISCOVERED; 10 LOVESTRCUK
SM CITY MANILA: 1 UNDISCOVERED; 2 TRANSPORTER 2; 3 TIM BURTON'S CORPSE BRIDE; 4 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 5 BROTHERS GRIMM; 6 INTO THE BLUE; 7 DUBAI; 8 PERFECT MAN; 9 LAND OF THE DEAD; 10 BLADE OF THE ROSE; 11 HISTORY OF VIOLENCE; 12 DUBAI
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SM CITY BICUTAN: 1 INTO THE BLUE; 2 DUBAI; 3 BLADE OF THE ROSE; 4 TRANSPORTER 2
SM SAN LAZARO: 1 INTO THE BLUE; 2 HISTORY OF VIOLENCE; 3 TRANSPORTER 2; 4 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 5 UNDISCOVERED; 6 DUBAI
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SM CITY PAMPANGA: 1 BROTHERS GRIMM; 2 INTO THE BLUE; 3 LAND OF THE DEAD; 4 DUBAI; 5 DUBAI; 6 DUABI
SM CITY BACOOR: 1 LOVESTRUCK; 2 LAND OF THE DEAD; 3 DUBAI; 4 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 5 TRANSPORTER 2; 6 DUBAI; 7 BLADE OF THE ROSE; 8 INTO THE BLUE
SM CITY DASMARINAS: 1 40 YEAR OLD VIRGIN; 2 PERFECT MAN; 3 DUBAI; 4 BROTHERS GRIMM
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SM CITY BATANGAS: 1 DARK WATER; 2 DUBAI; 3 BROTHERS GRIMM; 4 THE CAVE
VISAYAS AND MINDANAO
SM CITY CEBU: 1 BROTHERS GRIMM; 2 INTO THE BLUE; 3 DARK WATER; 4 PERFECT MAN; 5 THE CROW 4: WICKED PRAYER; 6 THE JACKET; 7 DUBAI; 8 LAND OF THE DEAD
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TESSIE Tomas hosts "Pusong Wagi."

First peek . . .

From page A24

QTV, to be launched in November, sought to cover all bases in the female market: "Candies" is a show for the so-called "tweens."

"Girls between childhood and young adulthood," Galvante explained. "'Candies' is hosted by second-generation celebrities: Inah Estrada, Alynna Asistio and Wynwin Marquez."

"Q" stands for "quality," Quiogue pointed out. "We want advertisers to feel it will be good for their products to be associated with us because our programming is fresh, female and family-oriented. Meaning, our shows are wholesome."

And therefore consistent with the vision of Brother Eddie?

Quiogue clarified GMA's deal with Zoe: "We entered a management contract. Our job is to program and market the station. I don't know if it had anything to do with Brother Eddie; it was just our desire to create wholesome programs."

Galvante added: "Brother Eddie is not involved in production. He has no direct hand in the network. We don't need to have concepts approved [by him]."

As for friendly observers' concern that the network might eat into GMA 7's viewer share, Galvante said, "QTV's lineup has a unique identity. We saw that the biggest market has room for more."

Quiogue admitted, however: "QTV will initially pull viewers from GMA, but we will try very hard for it to win them from other channels instead."

So is QTV's goal to be the no. 3 station—with, according to Quiogue, GMA 7 on no. 1 and ABS-CBN on no. 2?

"It will be easy to be no. 3 because the gap between no. 2 and the current no. 3 is very wide," Quiogue said. "In fact, the third slot is now a tossup between Studio 23 and ABC 5."

"We were told we shouldn't go for no. 1," Galvante jested. "Our goal is to be a major player."

Flowers from secret admirer

From page A24

Panday's wife, originally assigned to Melissa Ricks. The late Fernando Poe Jr. popularized on the big screen the character created by Carlo J. Caparas on *komiks*. FPJ made four "Panday" movies.

Jericho would not talk about a romantic future with Heart. "I must admit I can't handle such things at the moment. [But] we have a good relationship. We talk about a lot of things, she knows the issues in my life and seems to know what I want to say ..."

They have so much fun outside of work, he said. "I taught her how to surf. She's a natural!"

Parts of "Panday" were shot in La Union, where Jericho has plans of settling.

"I've introduced Heart to my friends there and they like her," he said. "That's a big deal for me."

Heart said she used to go fishing with her father. "Sometimes we'd be out the whole day. But since I became an actress, no one thought of bringing me to the sea until Echo did."

She denied that her present closeness to Jericho was part of the promo for "Panday."

"I can't just fall in love for the sake of promotions," she said. "I don't lie about such things."

George Clooney . . .

From page A21

Matt Damon.

So who are you dating?

It's someone in this room right now. I won't tell you. You know who you are. Not you, Stan. Although a lot of people in this room have dated Stan.

What have you learned from past relationships?

Well, clearly—nothing. Clearly, that I should stick to directing.

What's next for you?

One of the things I'm passionate about is, for FX channel we're having 10 directors, each one doing a one-hour segment about a commandment from the Ten Commandments. We'll have great directors. **Steven Soderbergh** is going to do one. **Neil LaBute** is doing one. **Gus Van Sant** is also in. I'm going to do one. But I'm waiting to see which commandment is left.

(E-mail the columnist at rvnepales_5585@yahoo.com.)

Kapuso Tayo! GMA

TALAGA PONG NAKATATABA NG PUSO DAHIL PATULOY PA RIN TAYONG NANGUNGUNA!

MEGA MANILA TV HOUSEHOLDS (3RD QTR 2005)

Mapa cable o non-cable...

Ayon sa AGB Philippines, sa kabila ng kakaiba at 'di maipaliwanag na cable ratings ng mga programa ng ABS-CBN, mga programa ng GMA ang higit na pinanunood ng nakararaming Pilipino sa total cable at non-cable ratings.

CHANNEL RATING DIFFERENCES
Among Cable & Non-Cable TV Homes

		AGB Phils.	
TOTAL DAY (6am - 12mn)	Household Rtg (%)	GMA 7	ABS-CBN
	NON-CABLE TV Homes	20	15
	CABLE TV Homes	14	11
	Diff (NonCable rtg - Cable rtg)	6	4

OVERALL CHANNEL RATINGS
Mega Manila TV Households • Total Day (6am-12mn) • 3rd Qtr 2005*

Rank	Channel	Rtg (%)
1	GMA 7	19.0
2	ABS-CBN	14.1
3	STUDIO 23	1.1
4	RPN	0.9
5	ABC	0.7
6	IBC	0.4
7	NBN	0.3

sa buong linggo, mula umaga hanggang hatinggabi

12 out of 15 TOP DAYTIME PROGRAMS are on GMA

Rank	Program Name	Channel	Household Rating (%)
1	EAT BULAGA	GMA-7	26.1
2	WAG KUKURAP	GMA-7	21.9
3	DAISY SIETE	GMA-7	21.1
4	WISH KO LANG!	GMA-7	20.4
5	LITTLE BIG STAR	ABS-CBN	19.6
6	STAIRWAY TO HEAVEN UNCUT	GMA-7	19.1
7	SAANG SULOK NG LANGIT	GMA-7	18.5
8	MY 19-YEAR OLD SISTER-IN-LAW	GMA-7	18.3
9	FLAME OF RECCA	GMA-7	18.1
10	FULL HOUSE	GMA-7	18.1
11	ALL FOR LOVE	GMA-7	18.0
12	BEAUTIFUL DAYS	GMA-7	18.0
13	KUNG MAMAHALIN MO LANG AKO	GMA-7	17.8
14	PILIPINAS GAME KNB?	ABS-CBN	17.4
15	WOWOWEE	ABS-CBN	17.3

Note: Excluding Specials

13 out of 15 EVENING PROGRAMS are on GMA

Rank	Program Name	Channel	Household Rating (%)
1	ENCANTADIA	GMA-7	39.7
2	DARNA	GMA-7	37.7
3	BITOY'S FUNNIEST VIDEOS	GMA-7	35.0
4	SUGO	GMA-7	34.7
5	EXTRA CHALLENGE	GMA-7	31.5
6	PINOY POP SUPERSTAR YEAR 2	GMA-7	31.2
7	24 ORAS	GMA-7	30.1
8	KAPUSO MO JESSICA SOHO	GMA-7	28.9
9	ANG MAHIWAGANG BAUL	GMA-7	28.1
10	ALL STAR K!	GMA-7	27.2
11	MEL & JOEY	GMA-7	27.1
12	KAMPANERANG KUBA	ABS-CBN	26.9
13	IMBESTIGADOR	GMA-7	26.9
14	ATTIC CAT	GMA-7	26.7
15	MGA ANGHEL NA WALANG LANGIT	ABS-CBN	26.4

Note: Excluding Specials

7 out of 10 TOP LATE NIGHT PROGRAMS are on GMA

Rank	Program Name	Channel	Household Rating (%)
1	SUNDAY NIGHT BOX OFFICE	GMA7	17.3
2	SABADO MOVIE GREATS	ABS-CBN	14.4
3	SAKSI LIGA NG KATOTOHANAN	GMA7	9.8
4	SUNDAY FAMILY CINEMA	ABS-CBN	9.4
5	SHOWBIZ STRIPPED	GMA7	8.4
6	EMERGENCY	GMA7	7.6
7	PINOY ABROAD	GMA7	6.7
8	INSIDER SA GITNA NG AKSYON SA LOOB NG BALITA	ABS-CBN	6.5
9	GMA FLASH REPORT SPECIAL EDITION	GMA 7	6.5
10	REPORTER'S NOTEBOOK	GMA7	6.4

Note: Excluding Specials

at sa anumang genre, mga programang Kapuso ang inyong sinusubaybayan.

ALL TOP PROGRAMS BY GENRE ARE ON GMA

Genre	Programs	Channel	Rtg (%)
Anime/Cartoons	Slam Dunk Returns	GMA7	14.3
Children's Educational	Art Angel	GMA7	9.4
Comedy (SitCom/Gag)	Bitoy's Funniest Videos	GMA7	35.0
Drama (Primetime)	Encantadia	GMA7	39.7
Drama (Daytime)	Daisy Siete	GMA7	21.1
News	24 Oras	GMA7	30.1
Public Affairs	Imbestigador	GMA7	26.9
Reality/Game Show	Extra Challenge	GMA7	31.5
General Talk Show	Mel & Joey	GMA7	27.1
Showbiz Talk Show	Startalk	GMA7	15.4
Variety Show	Eat Bulaga	GMA7	26.1

*Source: AGB Philippines, July-Sept., 2005

Sa inyong walang patid na pagtangkilik at pagtitiwala...

MARAMING SALAMAT, MGA KAPUSO!

GMA
Kapuso ng bawat Pilipino

INSIDE

GEORGE CLOONEY, director.
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First peek at all-woman lineup

INQUIRER EXCLUSIVE

JANICE'S Inah (Estrada), Alma's Wynwin (Marquez) and Nadia's Alynna (Asistio)

By Bayani San Diego Jr.

"MOMS," hosted by Lani Mercado and Sherilyn Reyes; "Candies," starring the daughters of Janice de Belen, Alma Moreno and Nadia Montenegro; "Liga ng Kababaihan," with Suzy Entrata-Abrera, Lyn Ching-Pascual and lawyer Gabby Concepcion; "Day Off" with Carmina Villaroel; "Ginang Fashionista" with Melanie Marquez; and "Women's Desk" with Rhea Santos.

This program lineup is proof that QTV, Eddie Villanueva's Zoe 11 as repackaged by GMA 7, is targeting the middle-class market, with focus on women—exactly as industry insiders told INQUIRER Entertainment earlier.

On Thursday, it was confirmed by GMA 7 executives, led by Meckoy Quiogue, president and chief operating officer for Marketing and Productions; Wilma Galvante, senior vice president for Entertainment; and Gigi Santiago, assistant vice president for Alternative Productions.

"Although [conceptualized for] women, most of QTV's programs can be enjoyed by the entire family," Quiogue said in an exclusive interview. "We didn't even have to conduct a study."

"There are more women watching television now," Galvante pointed out.

GMA 7 execs are working double time on the repackaged Zoe 11

"From both the viewership and marketing perspectives, it seems logical to tap this market," Quiogue said. "The prospective advertisers are targeting female buyers."

Positive message

Another flagship (prime time) show is "Pusong Wagi," anchored by Tessie Tomas.

"It's about people who are down and out and still go out of their way to help others," Santiago said. "We wanted shows that espouse positive, inspiring values but presented in entertaining packages."

"Ratings have proven that televiewers are turned off by shows that are too preachy and informational in nature," Galvante noted.

FIRST/ A22

Flowers from secret admirer

BUT Heart says she dates Echo.

By Nini Valera

BEFORE last week's press conference for the teleserye "Panday" started, Heart Evangelista received a bouquet of long-stemmed white roses.

The flowers did not come from Jericho Rosales, who plays the title role in the series and husband of Heart's character, Eden—and who is said to be after the young actress.

Jericho, seated beside the actress when the roses were delivered, threw the flowers no more than a cursory glance.

Heart read the card: "Love Marie (Heart's real name), I admire and care about you." It was signed "SA" (Secret Admirer).

She then laid down the roses on a chair. There was no mention of this during the press con, during which Heart and Jericho admitted they were "dating."

She said they had a lot of things in common—a surprise, she added, since they didn't talk much in the past outside of the usual "hi" and "hello."

Heart was Jericho's choice for the role of

FLOWERS/ A22

'Rock Star' music CD

SONY-BMG has released "A Night at the Mayan Theater," featuring the top performances on the just-concluded hit reality show, "Rock Star INXS."

All 15 finalists star in the collection, with two songs each from Jordis Unga ("Baba O'Reily," "The Man Who Sold the World") and MiG Ayesa ("Smells Like Teen Spirit," "Baby I Love Your Way").

Winner JD Fortune sings "American Woman" and runner-up Marty Casey, "You Really Got Me." From Daphna Dove, "One Way or Another"; Ty Taylor, "Cult of Personality"; Dana Robbins, "Knockin' on Heaven's Door"; Neal Carlson, "Brown Sugar"; Tara Slone, "Middle of the Road"; Brandon Calhoon, "Rock and Roll All Nite"; Jessica Robinson, "Celebrity Skin"; Wil Seabrook, "Heroes"; Heather Luttrell, "Burning Down the House"; Deanna Johnson, "Piece of my Heart"; Suzie McNeil, "Remedy."

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DEDENG Carlos (with glasses) oversees the operations.

₱200 built Quezon's biggest drugstore chain

By Delfin T. Mallari Jr.
PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

LUCENA CITY—WITH a growing family to support amid the uncertainties of the just-concluded World War II, Diomedes "Dedeng" Carlos, then a struggling high school teacher, found himself desperately rummaging through the stocks of local drugstores for the prescribed medicine for his sick child in the summer of 1946.

The drug was not available. Dedeng had to travel to Manila to buy the right medicine to save his young daughter Evangeline.

To avoid going through the same harrowing experience, Dedeng put up a small pharmacy on the ground floor of the Carlos residence in Lucena's Ilaya part.

He named the venture Carlos SuperDrug, now a multimillion-peso drugstore business and the biggest in Quezon.

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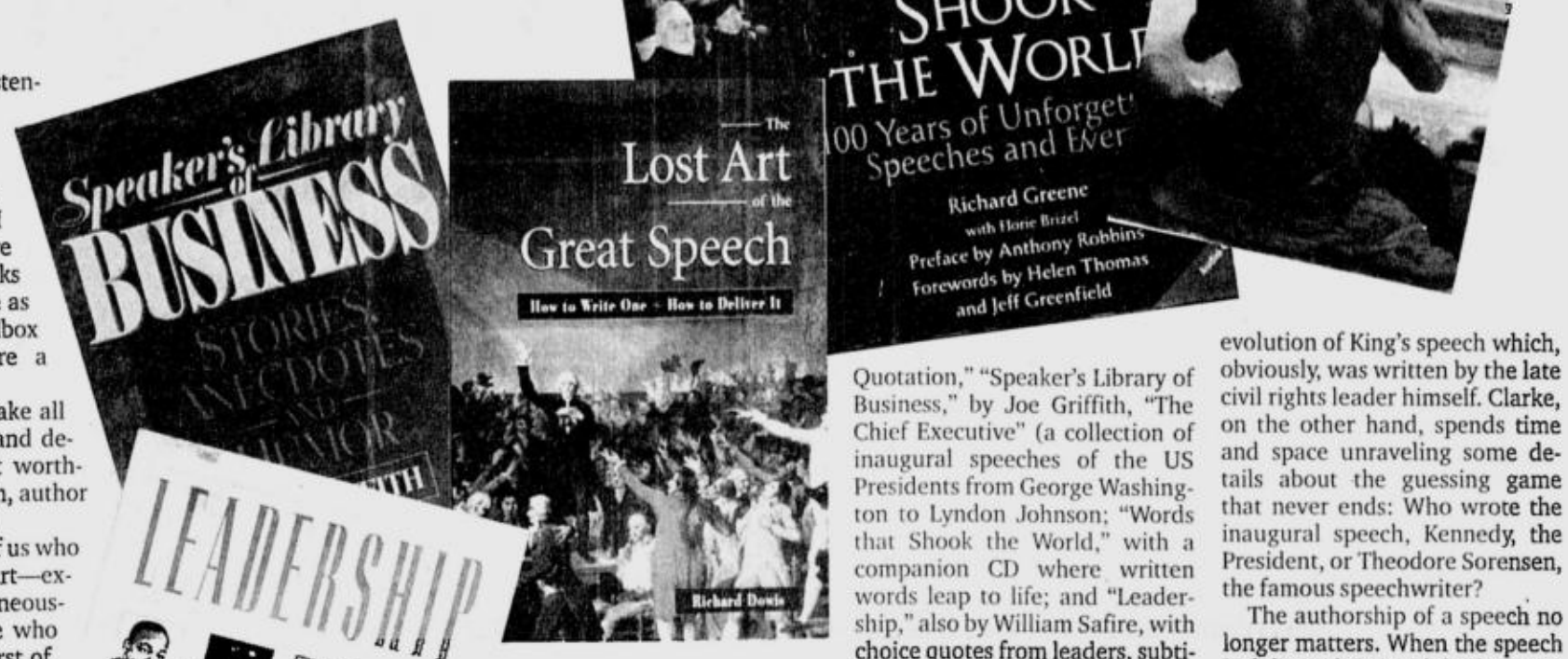

By Dante M. Velasco
Contributor

EXECUTIVE READ

WHAT MAKES WRITING A speech different from writing—say, an essay, a feature story, an editorial or even a compelling letter to get you a sale or land you a job? The answer is simple: A written speech is not fully a speech until it is delivered.

Is that all? Of course not. A written speech is much more than a text becoming a voice. A speech captures a moment, says William Safire, editor of "Lend Me Your Ears," a collection of outstanding speeches from the beginning of rhetoric as we know it.

A story was told about Demosthenes and another orator. When the unnamed orator (understandably forgotten) spoke, the crowd responded: "What a beautiful, well-delivered speech!" When Demosthenes spoke, the crowd roared: "Let's march with Demosthenes!"

Is the speech, then, a call to action? Yes, but sometimes it is preceded by souls aflame and hearts shaken—and then people march to brave armed tanks and unceremoniously end a regime (as what happened in Edsa). The same thing happened when, after brave senators spoke for the abrogation of the American military bases in the Philippines, the Senate's majority vote caused the dismantling of the US military apparatus.

A speech can assume the form of a sermon from a pulpit when the minister makes an exposition of the Gospel and calls for commitment. Souls suitably stirred can dramatically change society—or demolish the strongholds of all forms slavery.

If a speech has such an important role, how come the many speeches we hear are no more than memoranda being read orally, or lectures that send you—hum!—to dreamland?

So, you will do your listeners a favor (or do your boss a good turn) if, for a change, you give the speech the importance it deserves. I wish to share with you books that can serve as your toolbox when you next prepare a speech.

"If you are going to take all the trouble to prepare and deliver a speech, make it worthwhile," says Nick Morgan, author of "Working the Room."

There are just a few of us who can speak from the heart—extemporaneously, spontaneously. And, there are those who deliver a speech that, first of all, is a product of great thinking and superior craftsmanship.

Richard Dowis, author of "The Lost Art of Great Speech, says: "A well written speech is a disciplined speech. It doesn't ramble. It gets to the point. It fits the allotted time. It contains no superfluous detail, but it doesn't leave out anything important."

He continues; "Writing a speech is a lot like making a movie. Much of the footage that's shot ends up on the cutting-room floor. The result is a fast-paced, entertaining picture that holds the attention of the audience from beginning to end."

How come there are speeches that are unforgettable, and there are those that are soon forgotten right after its delivery?

Peggy Noonan, author of the book "On Speaking Well," and famous speechwriter of Ronald Reagan and George Bush—and creator of an astonishing line, "a thousand points of light"—gives a most valuable advice to speakers and speechwriters: "The most moving thing in a speech is always the logic. It is never flowery and flourishes. It is not sentimental exhortation, it is never the faux poetry we're all subjected to these days."

"Without substance, the speech will perish," Noonan warns, a strong reminder that takes off from a Biblical passage that runs: "Without vision, a nation will perish"—which brings me to another important point:

"Appeal to something larger than self-interest," Morgan says. There are speeches that pander to the mediocre thoughts of the audience or even to their baser instincts. Moving and inspiring speeches transport people to something loftier.

"Select a subject you care about," says Noonan - which Morgan amplifies, saying: "Great public speaking comes from passion. Communicate enthusiasm. Even if the topic is serious, underneath that emotion is a real enthusiasm.

How do you switch from writing prose to writing moving rhetorical pieces, so you can change your pace, get the cadence of a Churchill, the syntax of a Kennedy, the intensity of Luther King and the lofty perch of Christ?

One proven way is to clear your desk of mundane cares, and read quotations from great leaders. When the mood sets in, read the speeches of famous historical figures (or even listen to them, some pieces are available on CDs).

Aside from the books quoted here, I have the following books in my library—most Oxford series, notably "Phrase, Saying & Quotation," "Speaker's Library of Business," by Joe Griffith, "The Chief Executive" (a collection of inaugural speeches of the US Presidents from George Washington to Lyndon Johnson; "Words that Shook the World," with a companion CD where written words leap to life; and "Leadership," also by William Safire, with choice quotes from leaders, subtitled for everybody who aspires to succeed as a leader.

Anthologies of poetry and the Bible are very helpful when you need to be transported from a prosaic existence to something higher and greater. Rhythm, cadence and even rhyme make speeches memorable—and the Scriptures and poems (strong in the oral tradition) will get you in such magical (better still, blessed) mindset.

Beyond theory, you must also get hold of books that dissect famous speeches. Years ago, I bought a rare book analyzing the inaugural speeches of US presidents from Washington to Kennedy.

My library now boasts of two new books on outstanding speeches in the 20th century: "The Dream" by Drew D. Hansen, which analyzes Martin Luther King's famous "I Have a Dream," described as "the speech that inspired a nation"; and "Ask Not," authored by Thurston Clarke, and solely devoted to the inaugural speech of John F. Kennedy, subtitled "the speech that changed America."

Hansen concentrates on the evolution of King's speech which, obviously, was written by the late civil rights leader himself. Clarke, on the other hand, spends time and space unraveling some details about the guessing game that never ends: Who wrote the inaugural speech, Kennedy, the President, or Theodore Sorensen, the famous speechwriter?

The authorship of a speech no longer matters. When the speech is delivered, it is solely the property of the speaker who gives it soul and fire. The dividing line between speaker and speech writer blurs over time—either because the writer's mind has truly captured the heartbeat of the speaker, or the minds of writer and speaker have become one.

And how does one deliver a speech meant for television? Nick Morgan, in a book titled "Working the Room," observes: "Our speaking styles have indeed become more conversational, but speakers in public spaces haven't learned to deliver the physical closeness that mirrors the linguistic closeness on television." Learn from Bill Clinton, Tony Blair and, yes, Reagan.

Finally, speakers should not short-change the audience. Give your speech your best shot. Tom Brokaw, quoted in a book "In Our Own Words," emphasizes: "It is not enough to wire the world if you short-circuit the soul."

Put simply and plainly, when you speak in public, make sure you have fun doing it. Someone has said: "If you are having a good time, the audience will, too."

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SM'S SVP for operations Jorge Mendiola (right) receives the Top Retailer Award from presentor Munenori Ando of Epson Singapore during the 2nd Asia Pacific 500 Awards in Beijing.

SM cited as RP's top retailer

THE SM RETAIL GROUP WAS NAMED the Top Retailer of the Philippines during the recent second Retail Asia Top 500 Awards in Beijing.

It was the second straight year that the group won the award, organized by Retail Asia publishing, the regional leader in the retail information business, in collaboration with Euromonitor International, the world's leading provider of global business intelligence and strategic market analysis; and KPMG, a global network of professional services firms providing audit, tax and advisory services.

The Retail Asia Pacific Top 500 Awards was launched last year as the leading honors for top performing retail companies in 14 markets in the Asia Pacific.

During the ceremonies, gold, silver, and bronze awards were given to the top three retail companies in Australia, China, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Japan, South Korea, Malaysia, New Zealand, the Philippines, Singapore, Thailand, Taiwan and Vietnam.

In the Philippines, the SM Group won the gold award, with the Mercury Drug and Rustans groups receiving the silver and bronze awards, respectively.

Chief judge Freddy Soon, who is senior vice president, CEO office of Hyflux, Ltd. said, "Retail is so much a part of the social, cultural and economic fabric of a country or city, linked with the mores, lifestyles, and incomes of the people. It is quite difficult to pick on overall winner."

New stores, renovations and innovations in existing outlets, and new stores not only created a lot of shopping excitement, but also enhanced SM's leadership in the Philippine retail scene.

The SM Group was founded in 1958 by Henry Sy Sr., who is considered the visionary of Philippine retail because of his pioneering innovations in the industry. Today, SM's retail network consists of department store chains, as well as affiliates with other store formats like supermarkets and appliance centers. SM also has tie-ups with foreign groups—a franchise with US-based ACE Hardware, and a joint venture with Watsons, a member of Hong Kong's Hutchison Whampoa Group.

In 2004, SM's department store chain, considered to be the heart of its network, opened two new stores, increasing its outlets to 23 with 647,078 square meters of great shopping space. It also renovated two major stores—in the central business district of Makati, and in the southern Philippine city of Iloilo.

These newly opened and renovated stores have re-defined shopping standards in the Philippines with their visual impact, selection of merchandise, and customer excitement. Known to a generation of shoppers for its "we've got it all" slogan, the SM Department Store continues to influence fashion and lifestyle trends, becoming part of the lives of many Filipinos. It marked a milestone when it became part of SM Investment Corp.'s IPO early this year, which is considered the biggest public offering in the Philippines.

Complementing the department store chain, which has everything for everyone, are specialty store formats that serve niche markets by focusing on a wide assortment of merchandise for each category. In 2004, these totaled 127 stand-alone stores including supermarkets, hypermarkets, appliance centers, home lifestyle stores, fashion discount shops, and toy superstores.

Another niche concept, Kultura Filipino, which specializes in products from all over the Philippines, opened its first store in late 2004.

SM's franchise with ACE Hardware and partnership with Watsons also increased their outlets to 21 and 115, respectively in 2004.

Sustained consumer confidence in the Philippines, as well as the retail group's efforts to keep up with the changing times by continuously updating its merchandise, store design, marketing concepts, customer service, and retail and technology also have made its growth possible.

Internet cafés eye rise in online games

INTERNET CAFÉS ARE EYEING A BIG surge in online gaming, which they expect to shoot up to even more than the present 75 percent of their business volume.

This projection was based on the advent of a new online game blockbuster, which Internet café owners said could revolutionize the industry and bring computer games to a higher level of mass entertainment and social significance.

The new blockbuster called "RF Online" presents a unique movie-like story about three races fighting for supremacy in a galaxy, where the conflict is centered on their socio-cultural and racial differences and the need to take control of the crag mines in planet Novus for their victory and survival.

Characterized by human drama, this science fantasy story about a clash of civilizations unfolds according to how the game is played by the protagonists, who have to choose a character under any of the three warring racial groups—Empire of Accretia, the Bellato Federation, and the Holy Alliance of Cora—each with equally devastating power and weaponry.

Online, the game can be played by many players from different places as they take sides on which race to fight for. Full-scale war breaks out daily as thousands of players engage in deadly battles.

"This early, the game (RF Online) has already increased my clients' playing time tremendously and jacked up our sales enormously," said Internet café owner Dindo Tan of Gmick on Masangkay Street, Sta. Cruz, Manila.

"While we have received only 24 test CDs of RF Online, all the gamers who have tried it are now hooked on it. Thus, everyone is waiting for the game to go online," Tan added in predicting a big boom in the gaming business.

The reason, according to another Internet café owner Jason Lam of Outer Haven, Baguio City, is the uniqueness of the game.

"It (RF Online) is a breath of fresh air from all the online games that have been popping up lately. Players are excited because of the massive PVP/RVR battles that would take place. We think the game is unique because of the giant robots that players would get to pilot," Lam said as he projected gaming to grow tremendously in the next five years on the tide of such innovations that would "continue to push the envelope of technology to new heights."

Gaming in the Philippines, according to Lam, has increased exponentially over the last 10 years because of previous local exposure to different consoles like Nintendo, Sega Genesis, and the like.

"These systems started the craze with games like Street Fighter and Sonic the Hedgehog. Over the years, PC games came into the scene with games like Duke Nukem, Diablo and CounterStrke, helping online gaming build its foundation in the Philippine community. This means that players now are getting more and more involved in the gaming industry than before," Lam explained. More information on RF Online at www.risingforce.ph

P200, built ...

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initial stock of Carlos SuperDrug," recalls Eduardo, the second among Dedeng's eight children.

"My father did not compete with existing local drugstores. He opted to become their supplier of cheap but quality medicines that he regularly purchased from Manila," he adds.

Helping hand

His wife, Generosa de Ocampo, his former student, assisted Dedeng in the store operation.

Cory Carlos-Balquiedra, the couple's youngest daughter and general manager of the firm says the children and house help, then manned the drugstore.

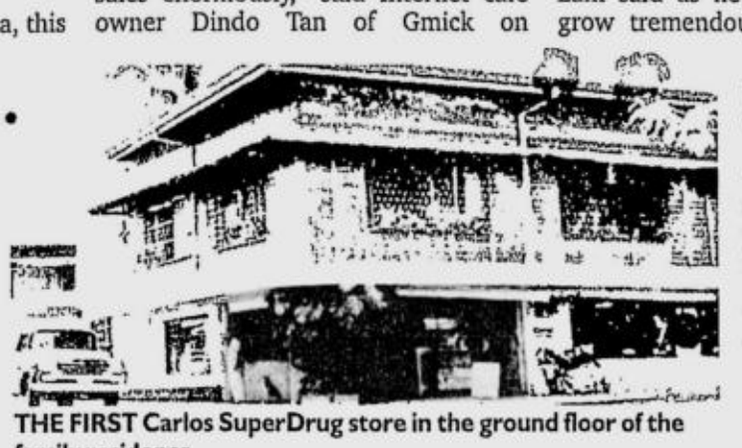
"Our father inculcated in us the virtue of honesty and hard work. For him, business is a noble and virtuous pursuit," Cory says.

The hard work paid off. Carlos SuperDrug now has eight branches in Lucena City, one in Gumaca town and another in Lucban. It also operates two branches in Quezon City, one in Marikina and another in Cavite.

The company has a spacious warehouse and a central office in Barangay Ibabang Dupay at the outskirts of the city.

Cory remembered how their father religiously observed his cardinal business principle that before profit, all customers should be treated with honesty and equal respect.

"That's probably why our business is not profit-oriented," she adds.



THE FIRST Carlos SuperDrug store in the ground floor of the family residence

THE LATEST branch inside the cool comfort of the Pacific Mall in Lucena City.

Dedeng died on Oct. 5, 1978, at the age of 70 and left a legacy in this city as a Christian businessman. Cory says all their branches have been extending the mandated 20-percent discount to senior citizens.

"[Since the start], we have concentrated our business operation in Lucena because we're protecting our wholesale buyers from different towns," she says.

But the drugstore industry has become a different playing field. Two giant malls both carrying resident drugstores opened in this city two years ago. Other Manila-based drug companies also followed and established a couple of local branches.

With the third generation now running the business, Carlos SuperDrug decided to draw up new strategies to adapt to the changes. Their focus is expansion.

"We have no other recourse but to meet the challenge head on," Cory's son, Barnard, tells the INQUIRER.

Barnard, a University of the Philippines journalism graduate, now serves as the assistant operation manager and purchaser of Carlos SuperDrug.

The new breed of Carloses also includes his younger brother Paolo, who handles the grocery division, and cousin Ermel—namesake of his father Ermelo—who is the assistant warehouse manager and also negotiates purchases of pharmaceutical, grocery and cosmetic products.

Three other first cousins are involved in the operations of Manila branches.

"We will be opening another branch in Lucban this month and soon in Meycauyan, Bulacan. The planned branches in Sariaya and Tayabas towns are now in the blueprint," Barnard says.

Computerization

Barnard also computerized the whole business operation, aside from putting the company on the Internet highway with its own website. (www.carlossuperdrug.com)

The young executives also renovated most of their branches without losing their historical value.

Their flagship branch at the corner of Quezon Ave. and Tagarao Street in Lucena is probably the only drugstore in the country with a "wishing well" on its premises.

The company now employs 293 people in its operations that include Carlos Payless Foodmart, a grocery section; farm supplies division; and a business center that offers modern communication facilities.

"We don't maintain casual or contractual employees in our payroll," Cory says.

"The Carloses have been treating us like members of the family. Most of the oldtimers like me have witnessed how the third generation of the Carloses grew up and now became our superiors," employee Edith Abuel tells the INQUIRER.

She has been to Hong Kong twice, as an employment incentive and raffle price.

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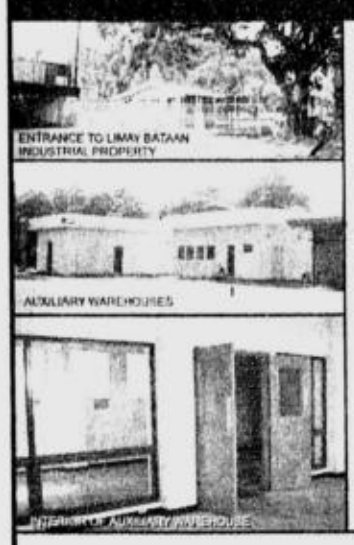

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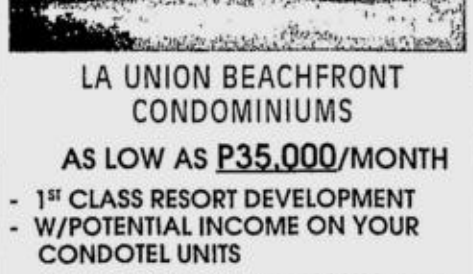

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PDI--Oct. 9, 16, 23, 2005

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(PDI-Sept 25, Oct. 2, 9, 2005)

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INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project	:	Supply, Installation and Replacement of Air Traffic Control Tower Glass Panel
Location	:	Bldg. 8050 Subic Bay International Airport, SBFZ
Brief Description	:	The scope shall be the total replacement of the air traffic control tower glass panel (insulating glass type) including frames and enhancement of roll-up film curtains. The control tower has sixteen (16) units of glass panel (consists of exterior and interior glasses for each panel) installed which are to be removed and replaced with new sets of glass panels for uniformity together with its frames. The roll-up film curtains will be cleansed accordingly to give best visibility and purpose. The contractor will provide professional services and shall supply and install all necessary materials for the attainment of the project.
Approved Budget Cost For the Contract	:	One Million Four Hundred Ninety Eight Thousand Eight Hundred Seventeen Pesos and Sixty Centavos **(P1,498,817.60)**
Contract Duration	:	Sixty days upon signing of Purchase Order/ Contract. (including delivery and installation of glass panel).

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar and related project within the last **five (5)** years with an amount of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary ***"pass/fail"*** criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	October 10, 11 and 12, 2005 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
2. Pre-Bid Conference	October 12, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)
3. Opening of Bids	October 26, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The venue for the above activities shall be at the office of the Procurement and Property Management Department, Room 201, Bldg. 255, Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00)** to the SBMA Cashier at Bldg. 229, Waterfront Rd. SBFZ.

The SBMA assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) ATTY. JOCELYN G. ALVARADO
BAC Chairman

(PDI – Oct. 2 & 9, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

The public is hereby notified that **MS. MA. LOURDES "Dedette" P. SITJAR,** whose picture appears above, ceased to be connected with NSK Ltd. Philippine Representative Office since March 03, 2004. NSK Ltd. will not honor any transaction entered into by Ms. Sitjar on its behalf subsequent to that date.

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INVITATION FOR BIDS

Project : *Pasig River Environmental Management and Rehabilitation Sector Development Program (PAREMAR)*
Loan No. : *Asian Development Bank (ADB) Loan No. 1746-PHI*

Description of Works:
Construction and Development of Community Facilities (Day Care Center, Health Center, Multi-Purpose Hall and Market) for Sub Urban Housing and KV1 relocation sites located in Bgy. San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal.

1. The Government of the Philippines (GOP) has received a loan from the ADB toward the cost of PAREMAR and it intends to apply part of the proceeds of this loan, together with the GOP counterpart funds, to payments under the Contract for Community Facilities w/ site development (Contract Nos. EPA-RAP-CF09 to CF17)
2. The Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission (PRRC) as the executing agency now invites sealed Bids from eligible Bidders for the following contract package:

Contract Package	Contract No.	Area (sq.m.)	Location	Contract Duration	Project Description
Package 1: Site Development and Construction of Standard Day Care Center (Sub-Urban)	EPA-RAP-CF09	Floor Area = 80 Land Area = 680	SubUrban Housing Project and KV1 San Jose Plains, Bgy. San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal	90 c.d.	Construction and development of Community Facilities which includes the following items of work: construction of temporary facilities; earthworks; civil works; steel works; architectural works, tinsmitry; sanitary/plumbing works, site development and electrical works
Package 2: Site Development and Construction of Standard Day Care Center (KV1)	EPA-RAP-CF10	Floor Area = 80 Land Area = 840		90 c.d.	
Package 3: Site Development and Construction of Sub-Urban Market	EPA-RAP-CF11	Floor Area = 600 Land Area = 1,100		120 c.d.	
Package 4: Site Development and Construction of Multi-Purpose Hall (Sub-Urban)	EPA-RAP-CF12	Floor Area = 300 Land Area = 2,050		120 c.d.	
Package 5: Site Development and Construction of Standard Day Care Center and Health Center (Sub-Urban)	EPA-RAP-CF13	Floor Area = 144 Land Area = 1,784		120 c.d.	
Package 6: Site Development and Construction of Standard Day Care Center (KV1)	EPA-RAP-CF14	Floor Area = 80 Land Area = 580		90 c.d.	
Package 7: Site Development and Construction of Standard Health Center and Multi-Purpose Hall (KV1)	EPA-RAP-CF15	Floor Area = 364 Land Area = 2,280		120 c.d.	
Package 8: Site Development and Construction of Standard Day Care Center (KV1)	EPA-RAP-CF16	Floor Area = 80 Land Area = 200		90 c.d.	
Package 9: Site Development and Construction of Standard Day Care Center (KV1)	EPA-RAP-CF17	Floor Area = 80 Land Area = 520		90 c.d.	

3. Interested Bidders shall secure the Bid Documents and submit bids as follows:

Activity	Date	Time	Venue	Remarks
Securing of (a) Eligibility Checklist or (b) submission of Letter of Intent and purchase of complete set of Bid Documents upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Php 12,500.00 per contract package	Oct. 10-17, 2005	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	Rodriguez Municipal Hall, Special Projects Management Office, 2/F Municipal Bldg., J.P. Rizal Ave., Rodriguez, Rizal	Eligibility checklist is free of charge
Securing of additional eligibility information (if any) and inspection of Bidding Documents	Oct. 10-17, 2005	8:00 AM to 5:00 PM		For those who secured only the Eligibility Checklist
Pre-Bid Conference	Oct. 17, 2005	8:00 AM	Rodriguez Municipal Hall, Conference Room A, 2/F Municipal Bldg., J.P. Rizal Ave., Rodriguez, Rizal	
Site Inspection	Oct. 17, 2005	2:00 PM	SubUrban Housing Project and KV1 San Jose Plains, Bgy. San Jose, Rodriguez, Rizal	
Deadline for Submission of Bids	Oct. 26, 2005	10:00 AM	Rodriguez Municipal Hall, Conference Room A, 2/F Municipal Bldg., J.P. Rizal Ave., Rodriguez, Rizal	Late bids shall not be accepted
Opening of Bids	Oct. 26, 2005	10:30 AM		Bids shall be opened in the presence of the bidder

4. LGU-Rodriguez shall be the implementing agency of the Contract.
5. Bidding (Eligibility Check/Prequalification, Bid Evaluation and Award of Contract) shall be conducted on the basis of local competitive bidding among interested Bidders from ADB eligible source countries as defined under the *"Guidelines for Procurement by the Asian Development Bank and its Borrowers"* pursuant to the Implementing Rules and Regulations of R.A. No. 9184 and ADB Guidelines for the Procurement of Civil Works as standardized under the harmonized ADB-GOP Procurement of Works guidelines.
6. PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid and to annul the bidding process and reject all Bids at anytime prior to Contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) **Bingle H. B. Gutierrez**
Executive Director, PRRC

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2F, MWSS Engineering Bldg. Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City 1105
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PASIG RIVER REHABILITATION COMMISSION

Invitation to Apply for Eligibility and to Bid
Republic of the Philippines

Supply and Installation of Walkthrough Metal Detector (WMD) and Digital Video Recording Management System (DVRMS) for the Pasig River Ferry Stations

Supply and Installation of WMD and DVRMS and its Peripherals

The PRRC, through the General Appropriations Act of 2005 intends to apply the sum for the following contract packages:

Contract Package	Activity	Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)
Package A PRFS-SS-WMD-01	Supply and Installation of WMD for the Pasig River Ferry Stations	Two million one hundred seventy three thousand seven hundred fifty two pesos and 56/100 centavos (P2,173,752.56)
Package-B PRFS-SS-DVRMS-01	Supply and Installation of DVRMS for the Pasig River Ferry	One million three hundred twenty one thousand three hundred seventy four pesos and 16/100 centavos (P1,321,374.16)

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.

The PRRC now invites Bids from eligible Bidders for the following:

Contract Package	Activity	Pre-Bid Conference	Deadline for Submission of Bids	Bid Opening
Package-A PRFS-SS-WMD-01	Supply and Installation of Eight (8) sets of Walkthrough Metal Detector and its Peripherals	October 20, 2005 at 8:00 A.M.	November 03, 2005 at 10:00 A.M.	November 03, 2005 at 10:30 A.M.
Package-B PRFS-SS-DVRMS-01	Supply and Installation of Eight (8) sets of Dome Cameras, Digital Video Recorders and its Peripherals	October 20, 2005 at 1:00 P.M.	November 03, 2005 at 1:30 P.M.	November 03, 2005 at 2:00 P.M.

Delivery of the GOODS is required starting December 12, 2005. The description of an eligible Bidder is contained in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB.

Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures using non-discretionary pass/fail criteria as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted to Filipino citizens/sole proprietorships, organizations with at least sixty percent (60%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines, and to citizens or organizations of a country the laws or regulations of which grant similar rights or privileges to Filipino citizens, pursuant to Republic Act 5183 (R.A. 5183) and subject to Commonwealth Act 138 (C.A. 138). Only Bids from Bidders who pass the eligibility check will be opened. The process for the eligibility check is described in Section II of the Bidding Documents, ITB. The bidder with the Lowest Calculated Bid (LCB) shall advance to the post-qualification stage in order to finally determine responsiveness of the bid to technical and financial requirements of the project. The contract shall then be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder (LCRB) who was determined as such during the post-qualification procedure.

Interested Bidders may obtain further information from Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission and inspect the Bidding Documents at the address given below from 8:00A.M. to 5:00P.M.:

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
2F MWSS Engineering Building
Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City

A complete set of Bidding Documents for each package may be purchased by interested Bidders from October 10-17, 2005, 8:00 A.M. to 5:00 P.M. at the address below upon submission of Letter of Intent and payment of a nonrefundable fee in the amount of TEN THOUSAND PESOS (Php 10,000.00). The method of payment shall be made only upon a certification by the Head of the Procuring Entity to the effect that the Goods have been rendered or delivered in accordance with the terms of the Contract and have been duly inspected and accepted. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the prospective Bidder or his authorized representative.

The PRRC-IABAC will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all interested parties at the PRRC Conference Room.

Bids and eligibility requirements must be delivered to the address below on or before the date indicated above. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in the form and amount stated in the Bid Data Sheet or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.

Bid opening shall be on the date indicated above at the PRRC Conference Room. Bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend at the address below.

The PRRC-IABAC reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

Pasig River Rehabilitation Commission
Executive Director Bingle H.B. Gutierrez
2F MWSS Engineering Building, Katipunan Road, Old Balara, Quezon City
Tel. Nos. 433-3447, 433-3446, 433-3444, and 926-5234
Telefax No. 926-6449, Email: prrc@tri-isys.com

(Sgd.) Bingle H.B. Gutierrez
BAC-Chairperson

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Kagawaran ng Ugnayang Panlabas
Department of Foreign Affairs

Republic of the Philippines
DEPARTMENT OF FOREIGN AFFAIRS
2330 Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City, Metro Manila
Bids and Awards Committee

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The Department of Foreign Affairs-Bids and Awards Committee (DFA-BAC) is inviting interested bidders to apply for eligibility and bid in the re-bidding for the:

SUPPLY AND DELIVERY OF CONSTRUCTION SUPPLIES FOR THE RENOVATION OF THE RESTROOMS OF THE DFA BUILDING

Interested bidders may acquire bid documents from **03 to 14 October 2005**, at the BAC Secretariat, Office of the Undersecretary for Administration, 12th Floor, DFA Bldg, 2330 Roxas Blvd. Pasay City, (tel nos. 834-4066 and fax nos. 831-95-84), upon submission of Letter of Intent and payment of a **non-refundable fee** of One Thousand Pesos (Php 1,000.00) to the Cashier's Office, Office of Fiscal Management, 4th Floor, DFA Building, Roxas Boulevard, Pasay City.

Approved Budget for the Contract: **PhP2,137,655.00**

The Eligibility/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary "pass/fail" criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9134 and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (IRR)

ACTIVITIES	DATE/TIME
Pre-bid Conference	24 October 2005
Last Day of Submission of Bid Requirements	07 November 2005 (2:00 pm)
Opening of Eligibility Requirements, Technical and Financial Proposals	07 November 2005 (3:00 p.m.)

DFA-BAC reserves the right to reject any or all bids without offering any reasons, and to waive any deficiencies and required formalities embodied therein. DFA-BAC assumes no obligations whatsoever to offset the expenses and/or losses the bidder may have incurred in the preparation of the bids. DFA-BAC further reserves the right to declare a failure of bid, and/or not to award the contract, and makes no assurances that a contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation.

(Sgd.) FRANKLIN M. EBDALIN
Undersecretary of Foreign Affairs
and Chairman, DFA-BAC

(PDI - Oct. 2 & 9, 2005)

PAGCOR

Philippine Amusement & Gaming Corporation
A Global Corporation with a Global Mindset and a Filipino Heart

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID
ITB No.: 08-101-2005

The Philippine Amusement and Gaming Corporation (PAGCOR) is inviting all interested bidders in its forthcoming public bidding for the project stated hereunder.

Name of Project : Supply, Delivery & Installation of Axminster Carpets for Airport Casino Filipino Theater
Approved Budget : Two Million Nine Hundred Ninety Two Thousand Seven Hundred Pesos (P 2,992,700.00)
Source of Fund : Internally Funded

Only suppliers duly registered with PAGCOR shall be allowed to participate in the bidding. Unregistered suppliers must register at the Suppliers Registration & Evaluation Section (SRES), Procurement & Property Department (PPD), 2nd Floor PAGCOR House, 1330 Roxas Blvd., Ermita, Manila, Tel. No. 526-0573.

The detailed project particulars and instructions to bidders are discussed in the **Bid Documents** available for issuance **from October 7, 2005 to November 8, 2005** at the BAC Secretariat Unit, PPD-Corporate upon payment of a non-refundable fee of ***One Thousand Four Hundred Ninety Six Pesos & 35/100 (Php 1,496.35)***. In order to secure the documents, bidders should present the Official Receipt issued by our Cashier to the BAC Secretariat.

The schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
Pre-Bid Conference	October 19, 2005 (2pm)
Submission of Bids	November 9, 2005 (2pm)
Opening of Bids	November 9, 2005 (2 pm onwards)

PAGCOR reserves the right to disqualify any prospective bidder if found that they have submitted falsified documents and/or information, and the right to accept or reject any or all bids, to annul the bidding process, to waive any defects or formalities found therein and to accept such bid or a part thereof as may be deemed most advantageous to PAGCOR, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected bidder or bidders.

PAGCOR reserves the right to reject any and all bids, declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract if there is *prima facie* evidence of collusion between appropriate public officers or employees of the agency, or between the BAC and any of the bidders, or if the collusion is between or among the bidders themselves, or between a bidder and a third party, including any act which restricts, suppresses or nullifies or tends to restrict, suppress or nullify competition, or if the BAC is found to have failed to follow the prescribed bidding procedures, or for any justifiable and reasonable ground where the award of the contract will not redound to the benefit of the government (R.A. 9184, Sec. 41).

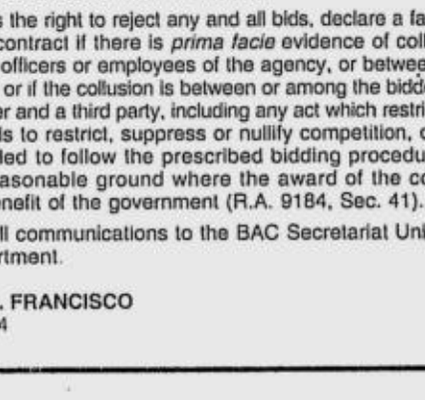
Please address all communications to the BAC Secretariat Unit, Procurement & Property Department.

(Sgd) RAFAEL A. FRANCISCO
Chairperson, BAC 4

(PDI–Oct. 9 & 16, 2005)

SO THE PUBLIC MAY KNOW

A warrant of arrest has been issued by the Honorable Brigido Artemon M. Luna II, Presiding Judge, Regional Trial Court, Branch 196 in Parañaque City against accused RICKY NUÑEZ EÑOLA, for the crime of ESTAFA in the case of "People of the Philippines vs. Ricky Nuñez Eñola" and docketed as Criminal Case No. 05-0349.



RICKY NUÑEZ EÑOLA

Any information on the present whereabouts of accused EÑOLA can be relayed to UTS Logistics and Distribution Co., Inc. at Jardine Davies Compound, Edison Street corner West Service Road, Km 14 South Expressway, Parañaque City.

We offer a reward to anyone who can provide information on the whereabouts of this person. Please call telephone no. 823-9177 attention of Mr. Oscar Balicat.

(PDI – October 9, 2005)

Hands-on Choral Workshop at the CCP

THE CULTURAL CENTER of the Philippines is now accepting applications for the 2005 Hands-on Choral Workshop, which will be held in various venues of the CCP on Oct. 25-29, (Tuesday - Saturday) from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. The workshop is a choral clinic open to amateur choirs and conductors who wish to develop their skills in choral singing and conducting. The trainors of the workshop are led by National Artist for Music Andrea Veneracion and her team from the Philippine Madrigal Singers. Workshop sessions include vocalization techniques, sectional rehearsals, conducting techniques for conductors, individual choir rehearsals, note reading sessions and plenary sessions. Culminating activity will be held at the CCP Main Theater on Oct. 29, at 3:30 p.m. The CCP Hands-on Choral Workshop has graduated choirs who have competed and won in choral competitions here and abroad. Due to very limited slots available, registration will be on a first-come-first-served basis. Please contact the CCP Music Division at 832-2314 (direct line) or 832-1125 loc. 1604/1605 for more information.

NFA celebrates 33rd anniversary in simple rites

THE NATIONAL FOOD Authority celebrated its founding anniversary in austere and simple ceremonies last Sept. 26 at the food agency's central office in Quezon City with the theme 'Naglilingkod sa Bayan, Mula Noon Hanggang Ngayon'. The activity officially started with a thanksgiving mass officiated by Fr. Allan Samonte of the Immaculate Conception Parish. It was immediately followed by a simple program which included, among others, the recognition of outstanding NFA employees for 2004 and service awardees as well as a dancing competition participated by employees from the NFA's various central office departments. There was also an awarding ceremony for the winners of the NFA Badminton Tournament. As part of its anniversary celebration, the NFA also inaugurated its 3-story office building at Visayas Avenue in Quezon City. The annex building houses the two central office departments of the NFA. These are the Technology Resource Development Department and Technical Services Department. The NFA central office is presently at Matimyas and Tensinco buildings in E. Rodriguez Sr. Avenue, Quezon City. NFA Administrator Gregorio Y. Tan, Jr. delivered his anniversary message among NFA employees and guests stating NFA's accomplishments since its creation as the food marketing arm of the goverment. Tan said the NFA is responsible for massive facility build-up and intensive procurement operations in support to the productivity programs of the government.

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THANK YOU FOR SHARING OUR GRIEF
WITH THE LOSS OF OUR BELOVED

Leda L. Montañano

(February 1, 1929 – September 8, 2005)

When she joined her Father Jose Sr., Mother Mercedes, Sister Enya and Brother Jose, Jr.

From her loving family:

Sisters: OFELIA, ANGELITA, EDEN and ROSEMARIE
Nephews and Nieces: Dida, Beth, Vinia, Nina and Carlo, Linus and Girlie, Louie, Marla, JB, Grace, Marissa and Reimond and Edezon; their spouses, children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren.

LEONILA IBAÑEZ VDA. DE DIOKNO

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on October 8, 2005.

The family is requesting prayers for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at La Funeraria Paz, G. Araneta Avenue, Quezon City.

Cremation will be at Paz Crematory on Tuesday, October 11, 2005 at 9:00 a.m.

In lieu of flowers, donations to the Eucharistic Chapel of Nuestra Señora del Pilar Parish, San Simon, Pampanga will be very much appreciated.

"...absent from the body to be present with the Lord."
2 Corinthians 5:8

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In Memory of our Beloved

JOSE "TOTO" A. SANCHEZ, JR.

Now peacefully rests in the infinite Grace and Goodness of the Lord on the 7th of October 2005 at the age of 62.

His wife, **AMY**, children **NIKOLAI**, **PAM** and **EDDY**, grandchildren, **ENZO** and **EMILIA**, brothers and sisters, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at
Christ the King Parish,
Green Meadows Avenue, Quezon City.

Interment will be on Wednesday, October 12, 2005.

Memories

"Memory... is the endearment that we all carry about with us."

The Inquirer National Classifieds brings forth the second in a series of its tabloid-sized supplement dubbed as "Memories," to be published on October 20, 2005 in time for the remembrance of our beloved loved ones.

The special pullout section is dedicated to pre-need plans, funeral homes, memorial parks and other product/services related to death care. This endeavor will give you a chance to showcase your product lines and the attributes that your services offer.

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PHILIPPINE DAILY INQUIRER
The Power of Knowing

Our Dearly Beloved

RAFAEL "BOBBY" SOSA LAUREL, SR.

of Boac, Marinduque and San Juan, Metro Manila

Peacefully joined his Creator on 08 October 2005 at the age of 82.

His bereaved family: wife **Antonia Reyes Laurel** (+); children **Roberto** and **Regina Hernandez, Rafael Jr., Edgardo** and **Ma. Theresa Perez, Ma. Victoria** and **Calvin Wayne Fong, Ma. Asuncion** (+), and **Andrew**; sisters **Dulce Laurel Bocobo** and **Luz Laurel Gadi**; brother **Manuel** (+); grandchildren **Peggy Ann, Ira, Raissa, Antoinette, Justin, Lorenz** and **Rupert**; great grandchildren **Miko, Samantha** and **Sarah**; brothers-in-law, sisters-in-law, other relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of his soul.

His remains lie in state at Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills.

Memorial Mass will be held on 11 October 2005 at 10:00 a.m. at the Santuario de San Jose, Greenhills. Cremation follows at the Loyola Memorial Chapels Crematorium, Guadalupe.

CLASSIFIEDS

CEBU-BASED FIRM TO JOIN CHRISTMAS LIFESTYLE EXPO

RKOC Shell Exports, a top manufacturer of shell-related products based in Cebu, will join the forthcoming Christmas Lifestyle Expo, to be held Dec. 2-4, at the World Trade Center in Metro Manila. RKOC Shell Exports, known for its fashion accessories made from capiz shells and other indigenous materials, will display some of its latest products at the forthcoming lifestyle expo, which is organized by L.A. Ducut & Co. Inc. Shown at the highly successful Entreprenoy Expo 2005, also organized by LA Ducut & Co. Inc, are (from left) Lilibeth Ducut-Abais, Managing Director, L.A. & Co. Inc; Loida Nicolas-Lewis National Federation of Filipino-American (NaFFAA) Chair/ExCom Chairperson and Rodel Rodis (partly hidden), NaFFAA Excom Vice-Chair. For details on the forthcoming expo contact (Manila) Benjie A. Ducut or Lito A. Ramos at L.A. Ducut & Company Inc. at 873-8202, 873-1198, (0917) 838-2183; or (0921) 455-2989 or email lifestyleexpo@laducut.com; (Cebu) Haidee L. Egos at (032) 232-3729 or 3740; (0916) 613179. Visit their Web site www.christmaslifestyleexpo.com.

Republic of the Philippines
Office of the President
HOUSING AND LAND USE REGULATORY BOARD
Cordillera Administrative Region
Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City
Tel. No. 4425338

NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that **MR. ALEXIS R. CRUZ-HERRERA**, Marketing Director of **Lexber, Incorporated** has filed with the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board a sworn registration statement for the sale of house and lot units at the **Regal-Lexber Homes Prime** (Main Project-PD 957) located at Yagyagan, Tadiangan, Tuba, Benguet, specifically identified/described under Psd-CAR-010837 and that the registration statement and all papers attached thereto are available for inspection during business hours by any person having legal interest thereon, and that upon proper application, copies thereof shall be furnished to such person upon payment of the proper fee.

Any person with valid objection in the registration of the project may file his/her objection in writing with the Housing and Land Use Regulatory Board, Botanical Garden, Leonard Wood Road, Baguio City, not later than fifteen (15) days from the date of the last publication.

City of Baguio, Philippines, 21st day of September 2005

(Sgd.) REBECCA F. TORRES
Regional Officer

(PDI - October 9, 2005)

NOTICE TO THE PUBLIC

This is to inform the public that **KELLY PINUELA DELA CRUZ** is no longer connected with Quicksilver Global Enterprises effective October 05, 2005.

Any transactions entered by her will not be honored by the company.

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Parañaque 1700

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E-mail address: dealerdev@hondaph.com

Republic of the Philippines
Department of Education (DepEd)
SECONDARY EDUCATION DEVELOPMENT AND IMPROVEMENT PROJECT (SEDIP)
National Project Management Office (NPMO)
5th Floor, Bonifacio Building, DepEd Complex, Meralco Ave., Pasig City
Telephone Nos. 635-98-22; 631-0673; Telefax No. 635-9826

INVITATION FOR BIDS

Date : September 28, 2005
Loan No. : PH-P200
IFRB No.: : SEDIP-2005-FURN-JBIC

1. The Republic of the Philippines through the Department of Education (DepED) has received a loan from the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC) in Japanese Yen towards financing the cost of Secondary Education Development and Improvement Project (SEDIP). It is intended that part of the proceeds of this loan will be applied to eligible payments under the contracts for the supply and delivery of Furniture to Selected Secondary Schools in the Philippines.
2. The DepED through the Bids and Awards Committee (BAC) invites sealed bids from eligible bidders for the supply and delivery of school furniture for classrooms, science laboratories, home economics, industrial arts, libraries, faculty rooms and guidance rooms of the different secondary schools in the ten (10) Division Offices under SEDIP, following the schedules below:

Division Office	Start of Issuance of Bid Documents	Time and Date of Pre-Bid Conference	Time and Date of Bid Opening	Venue	Telephone No.
Agusan del Sur	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Agusan del Sur, Prosperidad, Agusan del Sur	(085)242-3958
Antique	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Antique San Jose, Antique	(036)320-1321
Guimaras	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Guimaras, Jordan, Guimaras	(033)237-1322
Surigao del Sur	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28 2005	Division Office of Surigao del Sur, Tandag, Surigao del Sur	(086)211-3970
Biliran	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Biliran Naval, Biliran	(053)500-9279
Leyte	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28 2005	Division Office of Leyte, Palo, Leyte	(053)323-9648
Negros Oriental	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Negros Oriental, Dumaguete City, Negros Oriental	(035)422-7643
North Cotabato	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of North Cotabato, Kidapawan City, North Cotabato	(064)278-7017/ (064)278-4144
Romblon	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Romblon, Romblon, Romblon	(054)472-8218
Southern Leyte	October 5, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 14, 2005	10:00 a.m. October 28, 2005	Division Office of Southern Leyte, Maasin City, Southern Leyte	(053)570-9974

3. Bidders are required to submit bid for the complete quantity of all the furniture items intended for the schools in each Division per schedule of requirements of the bidding documents and as summarized below:

Agusan del Sur
Classroom Furniture (45 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (7 packages)
Home Economics Furniture (2 packages)
Library Furniture (4 packages)
Faculty Room Furniture (6 packages)
Guidance Room Furniture (2 packages)
Industrial Arts Furniture (4 packages)

Antique
Classroom Furniture (41 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (7 packages)
Home Economics Furniture (3 packages)
Library Furniture (5 packages)
Faculty Room Furniture (3 packages)
Guidance Room Furniture (1 package)
Industrial Arts Furniture (1 package)

Surigao del Sur
Classroom Furniture (45 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (5 packages)
Home Economics Furniture (2 packages)
Library Furniture (1 package)
Faculty Room Furniture (1 package)
Guidance Room Furniture (1 package)

Guimaras
Classroom Furniture (18 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (3 packages)
Library Furniture (1 package)
Faculty Room Furniture (1 package)
Industrial Arts Furniture (2 packages)

Biliran
Classroom Furniture (7packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (1 package)
Library Furniture (2 packages)
Faculty Room Furniture (2 packages)
Guidance Room Furniture (2 packages)
Industrial Arts Furniture (1 package)

Leyte
Classroom Furniture (19 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (1 package)

Negros
Classroom Furniture (25 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (3 packages)

North Cotabato
Classroom Furniture (31 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (3 packages)
Home Economics Furniture (1 package)
Library Furniture (2 packages)

Romblon
Classroom Furniture (24 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (1 package)
Faculty Room Furniture (2 packages)

Southern Leyte
Classroom Furniture (14 packages)
Science Laboratory Furniture (5 packages)
Home Economics Furniture (1 package)
Library Furniture (3 packages)
Faculty Room Furniture (2 packages)
Industrial Arts Furniture (1 package)

4. Interested eligible bidders may obtain complete information about the proposed project upon submission of a Letter of Intent and acquire the bidding documents from the concerned Division BAC Offices with telephone numbers and addresses listed in paragraph 2 or may visit the DepED website at http://www.deped.gov.ph or the Procurement Service at http://www.procurementservice.org.
5. Bidding documents may be purchased by interested bidders starting on the date stated in paragraph 2 upon payment to the Cashier of the Division Office of a non-refundable fee of Three Hundred Pesos (P300.00) only.
6. Sealed bids, together with the bid security of equivalent percentage for the total bid amount as specified in ITB-7 page 5 of the Instructions to Bidders, must be delivered to the respective offices of the Division BAC at the time, date and place as indicated in the above paragraph 2. Said bids will be opened immediately for reading in public in the presence of bidders or their authorized representatives.
7. The Division BAC concerned reserves the right to reject any or all bids, to waive any informality therein and award the furniture packages to one or more bidders.

(Sgd.) **ATTY. MACUR D. MAROHOMBSAR**
Vice-Chair, Bids and Awards Committee

(PDI - Oct. 2 & 9, 2005)

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Mr. ERNESTO S. GAÑA

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Republic of the Philippines
Department of Health
Center for Health Development 4
BATANGAS REGIONAL HOSPITAL
Training & Teaching
(Batangas City)

September 28, 2005

INVITATION TO BID

The Batangas Regional Hospital, Batangas City is inviting qualified suppliers, dealers and manufacturers to supply various Drugs and Medicines, Medical, Surgical, X-ray supplies, Laboratory Reagents and I.T. Devices (Computer, Server, and others)

Items/Description	Approved Budget for the Contract	Pre-Bid Conference	Deadline/ Opening of Bids	Price of Bid Documents (Non-refundable)
Drugs/Medicines	P 5,000,000.00	Nov. 8, 2005 9:30 a.m.	Nov. 23, 2005 10:00 a.m.	P 1,000.00
Medical/ Surgical/ Laboratory/ Radiology Supplies	10,000,000.00	Nov. 8, 2005 9:30 a.m.	Nov. 24, 2005 10:00 a.m.	P 1,000.00
I. T. Devices (Computer, Server, others)	1,000,000.00	Nov. 8, 2005 11:00 a.m.	Nov. 25, 2005 10:00 a.m.	P 1,000.00

The Bid documents shall be available at the SUPPLY OFFICE starting October 20, 2005 to November 4 2005 upon payment of non-refundable fee indicated above.

The Pre-bid Conference shall be held at the Conference Room, Batangas Regional Hospital, Batangas City.

The bidder shall drop their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three (3) separate sealed envelopes in the bid box located at the above-mentioned address.

BRH reserves the right to waive any formalities in the responses to the eligibility requirements and to this invitation. BRH further reserves the right to reject any and all proposals, or declare a failure of bidding, or not award the contract, and makes no assurance that contract shall be entered into as a result of this invitation

(Sgd.) **ARCELI S. HERNANDEZ, MD, FPCP, MHA**
Chairman, Bids & Awards Committee

(PDI- Oct 2 & 9 2005)

NFA conducts continuous market monitoring

Some 544 rice outlets were monitored by at least 16 members of the National Food Authority's Palengke Watch monitoring teams in Metro Manila as of the third week of September. The rice outlets include 103 Bigasan ni Gloria sa Palengke (BGP) outlets, 216 accredited individual retailers (AIR) and 225 commercial rice outlets. The monitoring teams were tasked to check the availability of affordable NFA rice in the markets as well as to look into any irregularities that may be committed by erring businessmen. Prevailing prices for NFA rice was noted between P16 to P18 per kilogram while commercial rice prices was monitored to be between P19 to P25 per kilogram. The NFA monitoring teams conduct market inspections on a daily basis from Monday to Friday both in minor and major markets in Metro Manila and other areas across the country.

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SBMABAC-INV-005-05
Supply & Installation of
Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)
Subic Bay Int'l. Airport, SBFZ

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/ contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : Supply and Installation of Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS)

Location : Bldg. 8050 (Radar Room), Subic Bay International Airport (SBIA), SBFZ

Brief Description : The scope shall be the total replacement of defective Uninterrupted Power Supply (UPS) installed at Radar Room, Bldg. 8050, SBIA, SBFZ. The UPS capacity is 40 KVA and must be US or European made with 60 minutes (1 hour) back-up time at full load and shall consist of one (1) unit of UPS modules that is parallel redundant ready with a minimum of two (2) battery strings, and other features. It shall operate in conjuction with the existing building electrical system to provide power conditioning, back-up and distribution for critical loads.

Approved Budget Cost For the Contract : Two Million Five Hundred Thousand Pesos **(P2,500,000.00)**

Contract Duration : Forty-five days (45) days upon signing of Purchase Order/Contract including delivery and installation of UPS.

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar project within the last ***five (5)*** years with an amount of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed project for bidding, and have key personnel and equipment (owned, leased or under purchase) available for the prosecution of the project. The list of minimum equipment requirement is indicated in the Eligibility Forms. The Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary ***"pass/fail"*** criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference(s), Evaluation of Bids, Post-qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its implementing Rules and Regulation (IRR).

The complete schedule of activities is listed, as follows:

Activities	*Schedule*
1. Issuance of Bid Documents	October 10, 11 and 12, 2005 (8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.)
2. Pre-Bid Conference	October 12, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)
3. Opening of Bids	October 26, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The venue for the above activities shall be at the office of the Procurement and Property Management Department, Room 201, Bldg. 255, Barryman Road, Subic Bay Freeport Zone.

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **Three Thousand Pesos (P 3,000.00)** to the SBMA Cashier at Bldg. 229, Waterfront Rd. SBFZ.

The SBMA assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of the bid.

Approved by:

(Sgd.) ATTY. JOCELYN G. ALVARADO
BAC Chairman

(PDI – Oct. 2 & 9, 2005)

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SBMABAC-INV-006-05
Photocopying Services
SBMA

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The SUBIC BAY METROPOLITAN AUTHORITY, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites suppliers/manufacturers/distributors/ contractors to apply for eligibility and to bid for the hereunder project:

Name of Project : One (1) Year Contract of Photocopying Services

Location : SBMA various departments

Brief Description : The firm to be engaged for the services shall provide the SBMA with the technology in reproduction equipment or machine that will satisfy the SBMA photocopying needs and ensure that all the equipments are in perfect working condition all throughout the duration of the contract by regular preventive maintenance program and repair service(s) as required.

Approved Budget Cost For the Contract : Two (2) Million and One Hundred Thousand Pesos **(P2,100,000.00)**

Contract Duration : One (1) year.

Prospective bidders should have experience in undertaking a similar and related project within the last **five (5)** years with an amount of at least fifty percent (50%) of the proposed project for bidding. The Eligibility Check/ Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids shall use non-discretionary ***"pass/fail"*** criteria. Post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid shall be conducted.

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2. Pre-Bid Conference	October 12, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)
3. Opening of Bids	October 24, 2005 (2:00 p.m.)

The venue for the above activities shall be at the Procurement and Property Management Department, Bldg. 255, Barryman Road, SBFZ.

Bid Documents will be available only to prospective bidders upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **One Thousand Five Hundred Pesos (P 1,500.00)** to the SBMA Cashier at Bldg. 229, Waterfront Rd. SBFZ.

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BAC Chairman

(PDI – Oct. 2 & 9, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
SOCIAL SECURITY SYSTEM
Quezon City

INVITATION TO BID

The Social Security System is inviting offers to purchase by way of sealed bids the following properties:

ITEM NO.	DESCRIPTION	PROPERTY LOCATION	MINIMUM BID
1	180 sq. m. TCT No. 522744-R 2BR Bungalow	#97 Camia Street Purok Gloria 2 Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	P 237,600.00
2	377 sq. m. TCT No. 545576-R 2 BR Bungalow	L17 B14 Calleya cor Sta Rosa Ave Sta Maria/Sta Ines Mabalacat Pampanga	650,400.00
3	300 sq. m. TCT No. 578626-R 4 BR Duplex	L6 B5 #161/162 Tagumpay St Brgy Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	496,400.00
4	180 sq. m. TCT No. 545584-R 4BR Duplex	L9 B53 #3440 A&B Matlyaga St Dau Homesite Subd Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	360,300.00
5	400 sq. m. TCT No. 132258 3BR Bungalow	L9 BLK. 17 Plaridel Subd Amsic Angeles City	1,231,500.00
6	160 sq. m. TCT No. 524130-R 2 BR Duplex	L25 B8 #1619 Arthur St Fil-Homes Subd. Mabiga Mabalacat Pampanga	349,300.00
7	160 sq. m. TCT No. 584071-R 2BR Bungalow	L17 B2 Villa Barosa Subd. Dolores San Fernando Pampanga	686,300.00
8	153 sq.m. TCT No. 545574-R one-storey duplex	L3826-J-4 159/161 Jasmin St. Purok Gloria Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga	344,800.00
9	180 sq.m. TCT No. 545575-R 2BR Duplex	L16 St. Benedict Subd. San Isidro San Fernando Pampanga	466,800.00
10	300 sq.m. TCT No. 546421-R 2BR Bungalow	L24 B20 San Roque Subd. Bitas Arayat Pampanga	226,000.00
11	355 sq. m. TCT No. 578609-R 2 BR Bungalow	L24 B5 Aurea Subd. San Fernando Pampanga	432,400.00
12	269 sq. m. TCT No. 551740-R 4BR Duplex	L13 B8 #1190/1192 Agate St Goldenland Subd Mabiga Mabalacat Pampanga	858,300.00
13	196 sq. m. TCT No. 521996-R 4 BR Duplex	#219/221 Dahlia St. Purok Gloria Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	372,300.00
14	180 sq. m. TCT No. 526396-R Abandoned/Cannibalized structure	L15 B7 7th St Casmor II Subd Mabiga Mabalacat Pampanga	398,400.00
15	150 sq. m. TCT No. 5298900-R 5BR Duplex	#129 Dama de Noche St Purok Gloria Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	572,000.00
16	180 sq. m. TCT No. 545581-R 2BR Bungalow	L7 B4 Dela Cruz San Francisco Mabalacat Pampanga	463,100.00
17	180 sq.m. TCT No. 546424-R 3BR Bungalow	L10 B23F Pine Street Dau Homesite Mabalacat Pampanga	327,600.00
18	180 sq.m. TCT No. 546426-R 3BR one storey duplex	Nos. 032/034 Waling-Waling St., Purok Gloria 2 Subd., Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga	384,500.00
19	180 sq. m. TCT No. 539805-R 2 BR Duplex	#255/257 Cadena de Amor Purok Gloria Sindalan Sn Fernando Pampanga	238,000.00
20	336 sq. m. TCT No. 519578-R 2BR Bungalow	L19-1-4 Ma. Clara St Moras dela Paz Sto Tomas Pampanga	416,700.00
21	180 sq. m. TCT No. 544480-R 4BR Duplex	L10 B50 # 3340 Maginoo St Dau Homesite Subd Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	394,200.00
22	198 sq. m. TCT No. 584074-R 3 BR duplex	#179/181 Dahlia St Purok Gloria Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	417,500.00
23	180 sq.m. TCT No. 526397-R 2BR Bungalow	#86 Camia St Purok Gloria 2 Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	261,700.00
24	156 sq. m. TCT No. 546428-R 4BR Duplex	L2 Green Meadows Subd Ph 3 Mabalacat Pampanga	441,200.00
25	238 sq. m. TCT No. 584069-R 2BR Bungalow	L47 B8 Lemens Village Mabiga Mabalacat Pampanga	459,300.00
26	180 sq. m. TCT No. 528398-R 4 BR Duplex	L16 B46 Dau Homesite Subd. Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	375,100.00
27	200 sq. m. TCT No. 538399 -R BR Duplex	L17 B3 #304 St Anthony Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	459,600.00
28	180 sq. m. TCT No. 545577-R 3BR Duplex	L4 B62 Dau Homesite Subd Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	526,200.00
29	350 sq. m. TCT No. 582633-R 3BR Bungalow	L16 B6 3rd Airmen's Village Mabalacat Pampanga	693,300.00
30	160 sq.m. TCT No. 545573-R 2BR one storey duplex	L3826-G-4 128/130 Dama de Noche St., Purok Gloria Subd. Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga	316,900.00
31	160 sq. m. TCT No. 582632-R 3BR Duplex	#227/229 Rosal St Purok Gloria 2 Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	303,100.00
32	120 sq.m. TCT No. 539809-R 2BR Bungalow	L25 B3 Sto. Domingo Village San Isidro San Fernando Pampanga	257,000.00
33	160 sq. m.TCT No. 539808-R 2BR Duplex	#84/86 Camia St Purok Gloria 2 Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	293,200.00
34	299 sq. m. TCT No 516961-R 2BR Bungalow	L4 B6 San Joaquin Mabalacat Pampanga	459,300.00
35	280 sq. m. TCT No. 551736-R 4BR Duplex	L27 B20 Green Meadows Subd. 2 Mabiga Mabalacat Pampanga	727,600.00
36	200 sq.m. TCT No. 539807-R 2BR Duplex	L7 B2 #88&90 St Anthony Village Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	507,300.00
37	211 sq.m. TCT No. 539812-R 3BR Bungalow	L3821-A-2-E-5-B-3-A-4-H Camia St. Purok Gloria II Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	294,300.00
38	180 sq. m. TCT No. 519582-R 2BR Bungalow	L37 B14 #22 Henson St. Fatima Subd Sta Cruz Porac Pampanga	634,500.00
39	198 sq. m. TCT No. 582631-R 4BR Duplex	#213/211 Dahlia St Purok Gloria II Malimpis Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	297,000.00
40	240 sq.m. TCT No. 537895-R 3BR Duplex converted to single unit	L34 B32 Blue Diamond Subd San Vicente Sto Tomas Pampanga	351,700.00
41	180 sq.m. TCT No. 556242-R 4BR Duplex	L30 B35 Dau Homesite Subd Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	382,900.00
42	175 sq.m. TCT No.530525-R 4BR Duplex	Nos. 15&17 Waling-Waling St., Purok Gloria Subd Sindalan, San Fernando, Pampanga	319,800.00
43	200 sq. m. TCT No. 539806-R 4 BR Duplex	L8 Blk 2 #39 & 41 St Anthony Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	445,500.00
44	150 sq. TCT No. 538397-R 2BR Bungalow	L16 B2 Love St. St. Anthony Subd San Fernando Pampanga	390,100.00
45	180 sq. m. TCT No. 564858-R 2 BR Bungalow	L1 B59 Dau Homesite Subd Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	349,500.00
46	252 sq.m. TCT No. 564861-R abandoned/deteriorated bungalow w/ adjoining house of left side lot	L34 B16 Blue Diamond Subd Sto Tomas Pampanga	316,900.00
47	222 sq. m. TCT No. 584073-R 4 BR duplex	L4 B1 Goldenland Subd. Mabalacat Pampanga	621,500.00
48	180 sq. m. TCT No. 506884-R 2 BR Bungalow	L14 B7 7th St Casmor Subd Mabiga Mabalacat Pampanga	501,600.00
49	221 sq. m. TCT No. 546423-R 3BR Bungalow	L12-B Blk. 8 Zenia St Cer-hil Subd Quebiawan San Fernando Pampanga	713,700.00
50	121 sq. m. TCT No. 582630-R 2 BR Bungalow	L1 B4 Sto Domingo Village San Fernando Pampanga	416,700.00
51	180 sq. m. TCT No. 564859-R 2 BR Bungalow	L13 B46 Kagandahan St., Dau Homesite Subd Dau Mabalacat Pampanga	394,600.00
52	73 sq.m. TCT No. 130468 2BR Bungalow	No. 479 Bagong Silang St Culcut Angeles City	216,800.00
53	166 sq. m. TCT No. 537897-R 2 BR Bungalow	L23-B Blk. 12 Avocado St Trinidad Village Calbutbut Bacolor Pampanga	556,100.00
54	180 sq. m. TCT No. 516959-R 2 BR Bungalow	L7 B62 Dau Homesite Mabalacat Pampanga	379,200.00
55	160 sq.m. TCT No. 516964-R 3 BR Duplex	Nos. 140 & 142 Dama de Noche St Purok Gloria II Subd Sindalan San Fernando Pampanga	332,400.00
56	179 sq. m. TCT No. 546422-R 2BR duplex	#35 Waling-waling St Purok Gloria San Fernando Pampanga	365,600.00
57	210 sq.m. TCT No. 566012-R 2BR Bungalow	L-1b San Antonio Mexico Pampanga	177,200.00
58	280 sq. m. TCT No. 501984-R 2 BR Bungalow	L3 B21 Nathalene St Greenmeadows Subd. Mabalacat Pampanga	551,200.00

Complete description of the properties including Bidding Forms and Instructions to Bidders are available at the Real Estate - Loans Section, SSS Tarlac Branch Office, Macabulos Drive, San Vicente, Tarlac City. Please contact Engr. Mylene Nonette M. Zamora at Telephone Nos. 982-1666/982-8600.

Sealed bids should be dropped at the Bid Box located at the Asst. Vice President's Office, Tarlac Hub Branch Office from 8:00 a.m. to 1:59 p.m. on October 28, 2005. The bids should be labeled Acquired Assets Disposal Committee c/o Social Security System East Avenue, Quezon City.

Bidder's deposit equivalent to 30% (if bidder is former owner, their spouses, parents and children) or 10% (if bidder does not fall on the preceding category) of the bid price in cash (Philippine money/U.S. dollar) or in Certified Manager's Check in favor of SSS must be enclosed with the sealed bid. (Any other form or draft purportedly as manner of payment is not acceptable). The bidder must also sign the sealed envelope across its flap. Sealed bid without the bidder's bond will not be entertained.

The award shall be made to the bidder who made the most advantageous offer to the SSS. As a rule, cash bids shall be preferred over installment bids. An installment bid shall, however, be considered as more advantageous if the installment bid is greater by at least 20% over a cash bid. In case of installment bids, the bid with the shortest payment period shall be preferred unless the difference in the bids is greater by at least 20%, in which case the bid with the longer payment period shall be considered more advantageous to the SSS.

The sale of the properties shall be "As Is, Where Is". The winning bidder shall undertake the responsibility to acquire and maintain peaceful possession and enjoyment of the property without seeking the assistance of the SSS.

After deducting the bid deposit from the Bid Price, the balance shall be payable either in cash within 30 days or amortized up to a maximum of 120 months at prevailing rate. If bidder opts to amortize, proof of income (ITR, business permit or Certificate of Employment and Compensation) shall be among the documents for submission on bidding date. Upon approval of the sale, the buyer shall issue twelve (12) PDCs covering the first year of amortization and the same number of checks for each succeeding year. Actual expenses or advances made by SSS for foreclosure and consolidation of title shall be added to the purchase price of the former owner or his successor-in-interest.

The system reserves the right to reject any or all bids, or to waive any defect found therein.

All awards shall be subject to the approval of the Social Security Commission whose decision shall be final and binding on all concerned.

AVP MARIANO PABLO S. TOLENTINO
Chairperson, Acquired Assets Disposal Committee

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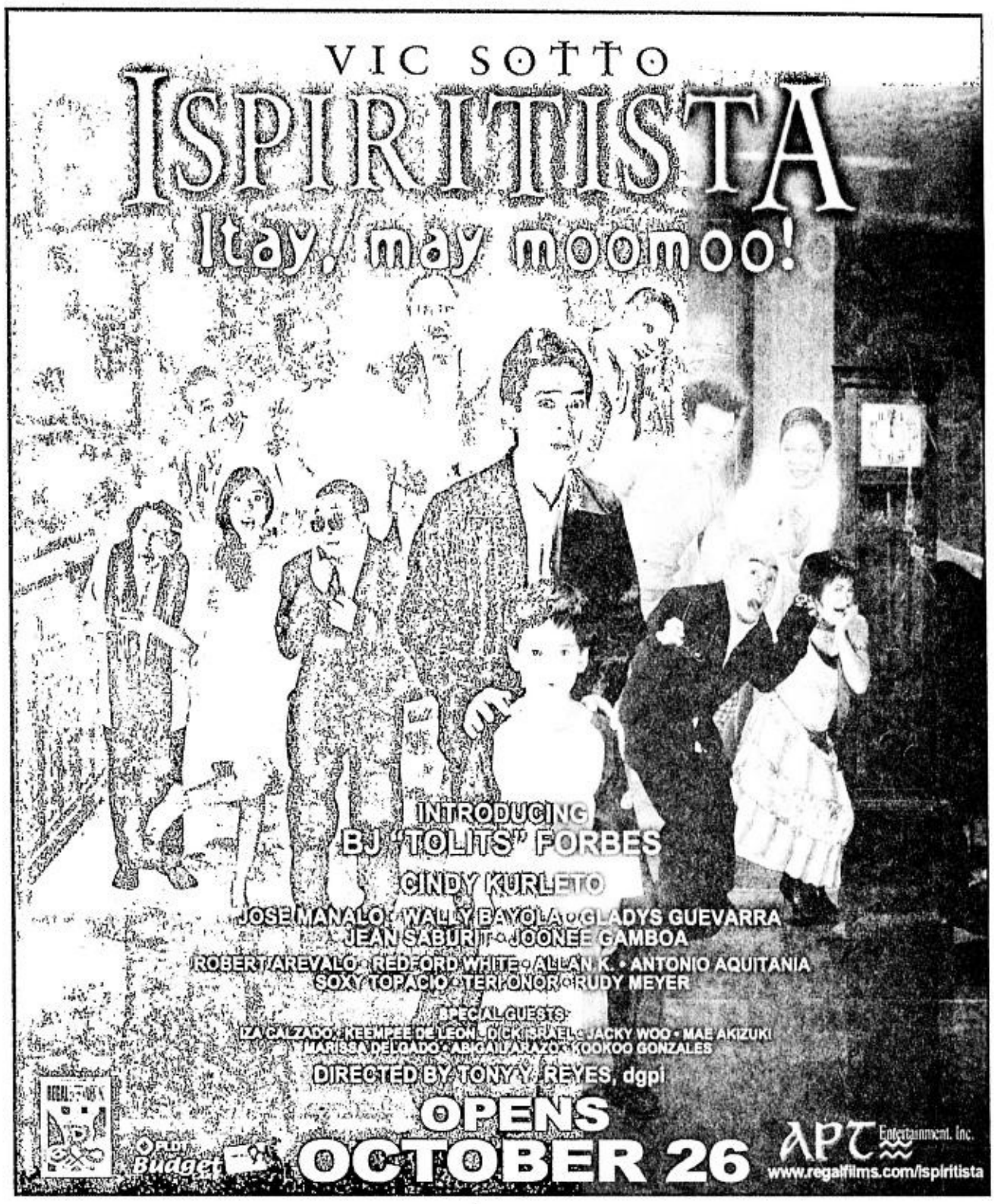

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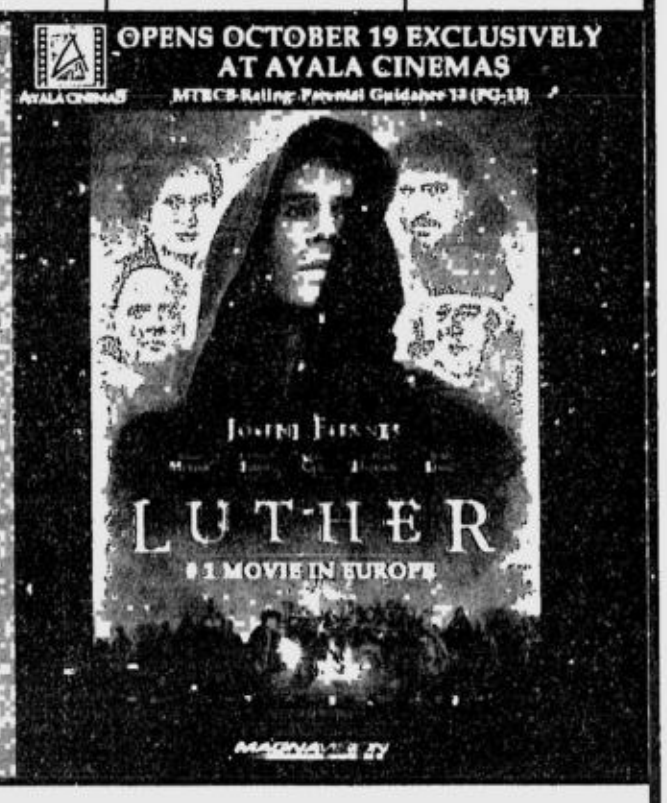

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6 TRANSPORTER 2
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7 THE DESCENT
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8 THE PERFECT MAN
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9 LAND OF THE DEAD
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10 DARK WATER
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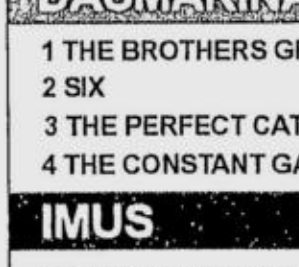

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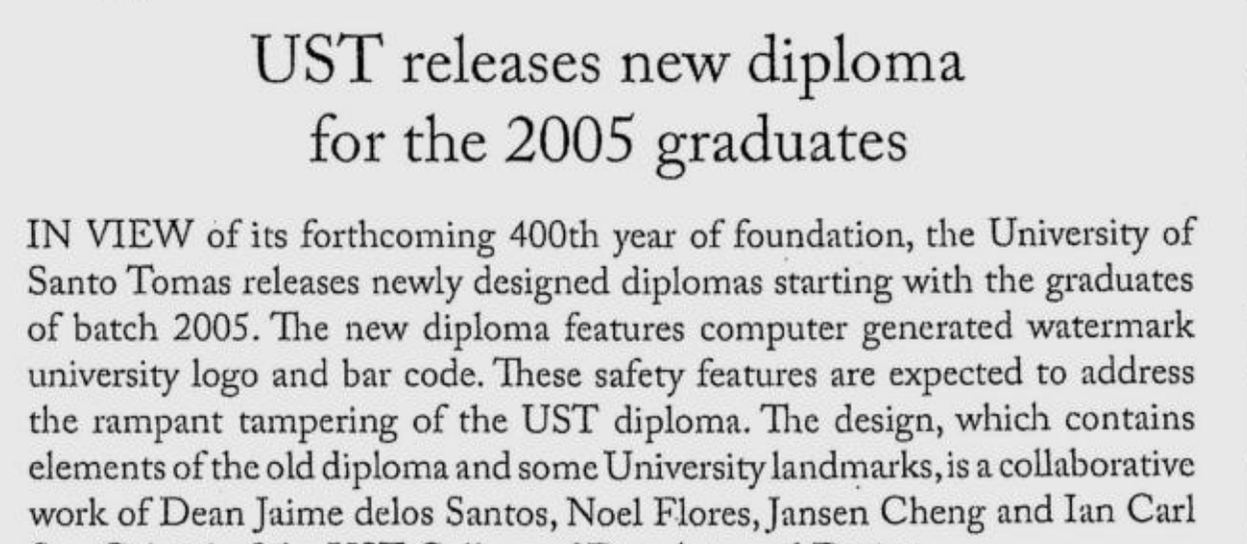

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REP. Abdullah Dimaporo and wife, Gov. Imelda Dimaporo, flank Rep. Connie Dy in the Kremlin.

Manila and Moscow share a warm hospitality that should make them cozy up to each other

FAMOUS 10: Millet Mananquil, Rep. Cesar Jalosjos, Chelo Banal-Formoso, Rep. Roberto Cajef, Rep. Ed Chatto, tourism attaché Venus Tan, Keren Pascual, Robert Mananquil, Rep. Catalino Figueroa, DOT's Erlinda Fernandez, Verna Buensuseco and Edu Jarque, and RP marketing rep Edward Grigiriev

Finally Famous in Moscow

Text by Delia Danz
Contributor
Photos by Keren Pascual and Chelo Banal-Formoso

ZDRAVSTVUITE, zolotoi! That's "hello, precious" in my new favorite language. I have just returned from Russia, with lots and lots of love. And six suitcases worth of other things. You wouldn't believe the shopping that's to be had in Moscow, dearies. But I get ahead of myself.

You may be wondering, "What is Delia—that's Delushka in Russian—doing moseying around Moscow?" Well, my darling friend **Keren Pascual** and I finally got our travel schedules in synch. So I was finally able to go with him on a Famous Voyage Party (flying in and out quite comfortably on Qatar Airways).

My new friend **Edu Jarque**, who happens to be the assistant tourism secretary for planning and promotions, made sure that Famous 10 and the entire Philippine delegation had an amazing time, while also making sure that Russia and other countries visiting

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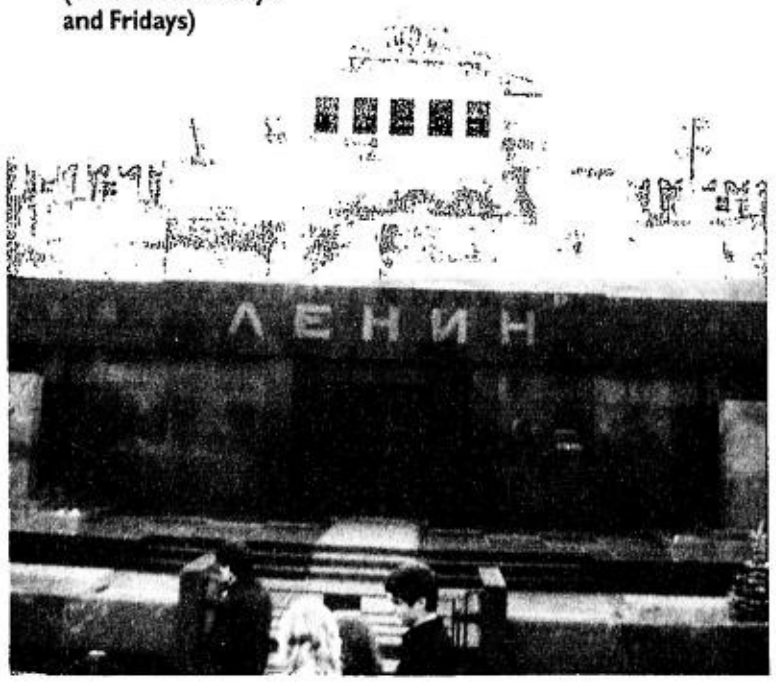
CESAR Cruz, Nora Putulan, Sonia Lazo, Jomar Fleras, Remedios Jala, Pureza Chatto, Judith Cajef, Marilou Fernando and Mayor Neliptha Figueroa

RP Ambassador to Russia Ernesto Llamas and wife Macaria receive Clarins and Essenses gifts from DOT assistant secretary Edu Jarque and No. 1 Famous Voyager Keren Pascual.

ENTRANCE to Lenin's mausoleum (closed on Mondays and Fridays)



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ONE of Catherine the Great's gowns—with an outrageously small waist!

Top 10 must-see

1. **The Kremlin.** I guess this is the Russian Malacañang, where all the powers that be meet. The golden domes topping off the cathedrals are quite a sight. I also saw this larger-than-life Tsar's Bell, which weighs 202 tons! Can you imagine the poor bell-ringer's ears?
2. **Red Square.** This is where tanks and soldiers used to be shown off in the heyday of Communist Russia.
3. **Lenin's Tomb.** I suppose this is the equivalent of making the pilgrimage up to Ilocos to see Marcos. I appreciate the historical aspect of it all, but it does leave me a tad bit creeped out.
4. **Bolshoi Theater.** We caught the wonderful ballet "A Midsummer Night's Dream" and "Don Quixote de la Mancha." I can truly say when you think ballet, you are talking about the Russians (though our own Lisa Macuja will fit in perfectly here).
5. **Tretyakov Gallery.** My favorite rooms in this gallery were the last ones, filled with the jewelry. Of course, I also appreciated the pre-Revolutionary artwork, but the exquisite gems kept me mesmerized.
6. **The Seven Sisters.** These aren't people, but rather tall, nearly identical buildings that have been converted into hotels, shops and what have you. You can't miss them, towering in the Moscow skyline.
7. **The Cathedral of Christ the Saviour.** A magnificent replica of the original that took 40 years to built but Stalin had demolished in the 1930's. This new one was built in the 1990's.
8. **The Metro.** Each station is a work of art. Magnificent, divine, opulent. Stalin envisioned these to be "people's palaces," and if our own train stations were like these, it could give ordinary Filipinos a great sense of pride.
9. **Gorky Park.** The book was intriguing so I just had to take a peek. Lots of entertainment options here, ladies and gentlemen—from picnics to boating and, in season, ice skating. There's a fair of sorts, with a Ferris Wheel ride guaranteed to give you a view of the city.
10. **Oruzheynaya Palata.** My favorite of all the museums, *schatzis*, where the royal regalia, carriages, Faberge eggs, and so on are displayed. Of all things, I was happy that I did not miss this place.

THE CATHEDRAL of Christ the Saviour

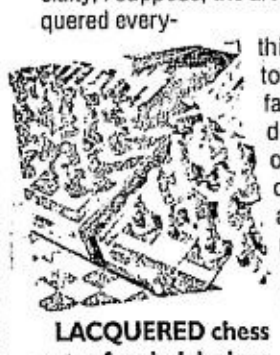
Finally Famous in Moscow

BALLET á la Bolshoi: "Don Quixote"

Top 10 must-buy

FUR pelts that can drive animal activists crazy

1. **Linens.** Russian linens are among the best in the world, all-natural and delightful to the touch. I bought a table cloth for a table that seats 12, plus a smaller cloth that I will have cut and sewn into napkins.
2. **Lacquered crafts.** This is a Russian specialty, I suppose, the art of making lacquered everything—from platters to chessboards to the famous *matrioshka* dolls (the ones with one doll inside the other). I got all of the above, plus a divine musical replica of one of the cathedrals.



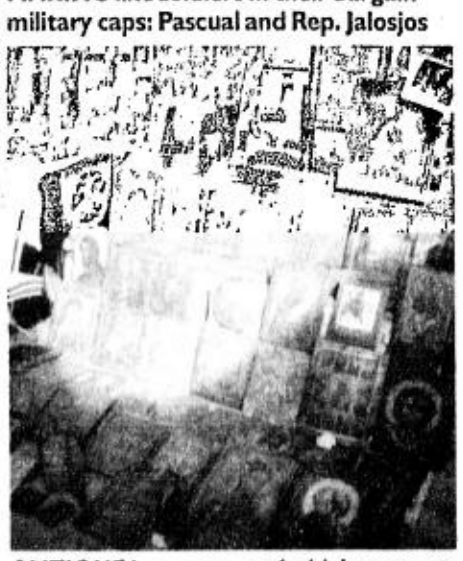
LACQUERED chess sets of varied designs

3. **Military memorabilia.** These, I suppose are left over from the Soviet era. I had no idea what to do with a gas mask, *lapushkas*, but I did get a funky officer's cap (is that what it's called?) studded with various military pins.
4. **Icons.** Whether you're Catholic or not, the icons (which are blessed) are beautifully made, so they're still a great buy. And the price! Converted, an index card-sized icon is only P60! I got dozens to give away.
5. **Chocolates.** Fine, it isn't Belgian or Swiss. And, yes, I cannot read the box, even the brand. But it's good. Take may word for it, *liebschens*. Buy chocolate.
6. **Fur.** It's cheap. So if you must. But you shouldn't.
7. **Original propaganda posters.** These are so funky hip, especially in the right kind of frame. According to our guide, these spread the word on whatever Soviet policy was on during the time.

RUSSIAN watches at the flea market

8. **Antiques.** These things wouldn't fit in my Louis Vuittons, so I didn't get any this-time. But you can get lovely original antiques at reasonable prices. But make sure before you buy if you can take your purchases out of the country. Some, like antique icons, are supposedly illegal to take out of Russia, even if you paid for it.
9. **Jeans.** I am proudly wearing my unknown-brand "Made in Russia" jeans. Amazing, since years ago, they had to smuggle in Levi's, now they make their own!
10. **Vodka.** What Russia trip is complete without a drink of vodka? Watching the Muscovites drink, you'd think vodka is water!

MAKING like soldiers in their bargain military caps: Pascual and Rep. Jalosjos



ANTIQUE icons, some of which may not be brought out of Russia

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the Philippine booth were wowed by our beautiful country. Isn't he such a lovely man, dearies? Equally lovely were the two other members of the Philippines' Team Europe: **Verna Buensuseco** and **Erlinda Fernandez.**

And there was **Venus Tan**, DOT's tourism attaché in Frankfurt, who, together with **Dakila Gonzalez**, made us all feel welcome. Young, energetic and absolutely charming **Deric Atienza**, the third secretary and vice-consul in Russia, took lots of time off from his duties (and his thesis) to personally give us a tour of the Metro. I love this man!

Whole gang

I met the whole gang at a dinner at the Philippine Embassy, hosted by the gracious Ambassador **Ernesto Llamas** and his lovely wife, **Macaria.** Some members of the House committee on tourism were there: Bohol Reps. **Edgar Chatto, Roberto Cajef** and **Eladio Jala**, who were with their wives **Pureza, Judith** and **Remedios**, respectively; Zamboanga Rep. **Cesar Jalosjos**; Pasay Rep. **Connie Dy**; Samar Rep. **Catalino Figueroa** and his wife, Mayor **Nelipta Figueroa**; Lanao del Norte Rep. **Abdullah Dimaporo** and his wife **Imelda**, who is also the governor; and **Marilou Fernando** of the Congress' tourism committee.

Hardworking tour operators joined us in promoting the country: **Serafina Joven** of Annset Holidays; **Hartwig Scholls** of Badian Island Resort and Spa; **Ma. Aurora Tadeo** of Baron Travel; **Patrick Blum** of Blue Horizon Travel and Tours; **Sonia Lazo** of Intas Destinations; **Pedro Young** of Marsman Drysdale Travels; and **Cesar Cruz** of Trips Travels. Oh, of course there was **Joy Denoga**, El Nido Resorts' director of sales and marketing.

Filipino hospitality is never out of place, even in other countries. After our embassy dinner, a Filipino CPA and his charming Russian wife—**Rudy** and **Alya Abenoja**—also took us to dinner, and they cooked such scrumptious Pinoy fare (I admit my palate was craving some good old *adobo*!). Rudy, as it happens, runs Prime Tours with his Philippine-based partner **Vladimir Pazcu**. And they offer Russian tour packages. I must get a hold of Vladimir soon, dearies, as I would love to see St. Petersburg next time. I had to pass up the opportunity to go there; my body was simply too, too tired to handle the nine-hour train trip.

CHRIST the Saviour Cathedral, where you can buy pre-blessed icons

And now on to my stories of Moscow sights and sounds. I'm doing a **Rajo Laurel** (the designer who's a Famous voyage veteran himself) and making Top 10 lists, in honor of Famous 10. Clip and enjoy, *lastochkas*!

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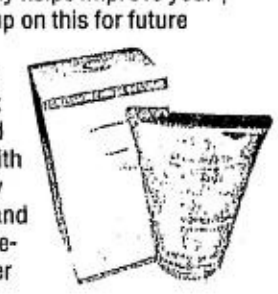
ONE of Stalin's famed Seven Sisters

Top 10 must-bring

1. **Clarins Relaxing Body Balm.** After each hard day of touring and promoting our country, this definitely helps improve your day. I'll be stocking up on this for future trips.



2. **Timex Time Zone watch.** To keep track of time in Russia and back home here—with a single glance at my wrist. I hate adding and subtracting hours, because math has never been my strength, *schatzis*, and I inevitably get the time wrong. So I love this watch.
3. **Adaptor for the plugs.** The good news is that it's 220 volts in Moscow. Bad news? All sockets are round. But, *schatzis*, I am ever the girl scout, so I have my own little collection of adaptors. After all, the hotel might run out of service adaptors, and I simply must keep my camera, iPod and cell phone charged!
4. **My new Judith Lieber sunglasses.** To keep the sun out of my eyes, especially during the walking tour. For men, I guess you'll never go wrong with your trusty Oakleys.

5. **Lucky Me Instant Noodle Soup.** I hate to say this, *lapushkas*, but Russian food takes getting used to. Perhaps our Asian tongues are not used to the very subtle flavors of the restaurants we ate in. So I am ever-ready with my stash of instant, cheap and Pinoy-delicious food.
6. **Knorr Seasoning.** Corollary to Number 5 Must-Bring. Surreptitiously add a dash of Knorr to your food to make it more palatable.
7. **Pei Pa Koa.** This Chinese liquid cure-all is indeed a miracle tonic. I was getting a sore throat, *liebchens*, but Keren made me—forced me—to take this and I was healed!
8. **Berocca.** I love these fizzy orange tablets! With the Vitamin C and other minerals in this, no wonder it keeps me going. I love the taste, too.
9. **Your own supply of medicines.** Although this is a must-have anywhere you go, you will definitely need this in Russia, since no one speaks English and nothing is ever printed in English. You may keel over before you get the right meds! Of course, I exaggerate, *liebschens*, but you get my drift.
10. **Jomar Fleras of Santuario in Manila and Nora Putulan of Bellevue Hotel.** Your own personal masseuses! Not! They are not your ordinary masseuse/masseur; after all, Jomar owns his own spa haven, and Nora is a recognized therapist. But as the DOT is promoting the Phillppines as a spa destination, they brought Jomar and Nora to give the Russians and delegates from other countries a taste of our magic hands. I melt, *lapushkas*. In their expert hands, I am putty. They are definitely experts at what they do, no doubt about it. I wish I could bring them on all my trips!

Top 10 must-shop

1. **GUM Mall.** GUM (said "goom") is an acronym for a long, impossible-to-pronounce name. So stick to GUM and you'll do fine. This lovely 19th-century building, off to one side of the Red Square 3, is a sight to behold. Larger than any of our malls here, *schatzis*. I regret I didn't have enough time to go around each and every floor, tel. 9213211.
2. **TsUM Mall on ul Petrovka 2.** Again, this is the short, easy way to say the mall's name in Russian. Pardon me, *schatzis*, I was too busy shopping to get my tongue twisted. This is the country's oldest department store, and it's next to the Bolshoi Theater and Red Square on Petrovska 2. You can find the usual department store fare here, tel. 2921157.
3. **Detsky Mir on Marx Prospekt 2.** I will try out this toy mall when I go back. After all, I am not ashamed to indulge the child in me once in a while, tel. 2380096.
4. **Okhotny Ryad on Manezhnaya pl.** This mall is absolutely in the middle of everything, *schatzis*, near Red Square, Alexandrovsky Sad, Teatralnaya Square and Tverskaya Street. And the amazing thing is, it's mostly underground! More than a hundred shops in three underground floors—imagine that, *liebschens*. Moles shopping! This is where you can find the younger Muscovites shopping, and where you find the local equivalent of our Bench shops—young, hip and reasonably priced clothing, tel. 7370489.
5. **Izmailovsky Flea Market in Izmailovsky Park.** This is where I got my knick knacks, *schatzis*. You have to bargain here, so brush up on Russian negotiating phrases (and make sure you understand what these mean!) or bring your translator.
6. **St. Basil Cathedral on Sobor Vasilia Blazhennogo.** This is where I bought my bargain icons (blessed already) to give out as the ubiquitous *pasalubong*.
7. **Novy Arbat Street.** You can find bargains here, shops are mostly mid-range price levels. This is supposedly the equivalent of London's Oxford Street. You can settle in one of the street cafés and enjoy listening to the street musicians while sipping your latte.
8. **Univermag Moskovsky on Komsomolskaya pl 6.** Whiling away time while waiting for the train is ideally done here, since it's right next to three trains stations. They also have inexpensive stuff and reasonable food places. Just be handy with your Knorr bottle (more on Knorr later), tel. 2079007.
9. **Salon Moskovskogo Fonda Kultury on ul Pyanitskaya 16.** I heard, *schatzis*, you can get the most authentic antiques and artworks here. I shall look more closely, rather than breeze through next time, tel. 9513302.
10. **VDNKh Culture Pavilion, VDNKh Pavilion No 66.** The typical Russian souvenirs are to be had here, such as the ultra fine wool and silk scarves, Gzhel porcelain (these are the ones with the distinctive cobalt blue designs) and Palekh lacquered boxes. Again, must-buys when I return (I confess, *schatzis*, I overdosed on the kitschy at Izmailovsky Flea Market), tel. 1819481.

SKYLIGHTED interior of GUM Mall

FLEA market stall for Russian military gear at Izmailovsky

Entrance to TsUM—the oldest department store in Russia and home to some of the most exclusive brands

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THE QUEZON City Tourism Council launches Q-ulinary Food Festival Oct. 21-23 at Eastwood City. Dubbed "Must See QC," the campaign promotes the attractions of the city named after Commonwealth President Manuel L. Quezon.

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Manila Pavilion offers online reservations

TO PROVIDE guests with additional services like online reservations, Manila Pavilion Hotel has partnered with Zimplihotels, a web company that helps travelers find and receive instant room confirmation direct from a hotel's official website. Zimplihotels has enhanced www.manilapavilion.com.ph, giving guests the option to book online and direct to the hotel. By clicking on this section, guests can also view the hotel's room availability and rates for any two-week period.

Outstanding customer service

NICOLE Foo, quality and training controller for Shangri-La Hotels and Resorts' Kuala Lumpur Worldwide Reservation Center, recently won the gold award for the Best Contact Centre Champion Under 50 Staff from the Customer Relationship Management and Contact Centre Association of Malaysia. In addition, the reservation center was first runner-up in the Best In-House Contact Centre Under 50 Staff category. Worldwide Reservations Centre manager Hansan Lim won the bronze award for the Best Contact Centre Manager Under 50 Staff category.

See, feel and taste Hong Kong

LENSMAN Jun de Leon and model Abbygale Arenas-de Leon were invited recently by the Hong Kong Tourism Board to shoot a four-page localized spread of the Pamper Yourself in Hong Kong Guide. It features an array of shopping, beauty, pampering and dining must-tries in Hong Kong.

Fishing Verde Island style

VERDE Island Resort invites fishing aficionados to its underwater maze of crystal-clear channels, sand flats and colorful reefs. These are home to mackerel, snapper, anchovy and round scad. The resort also offers student package for a minimum of 20 persons. Each student can avail of the package for P3,400 for a three-days-two-nights stay or P2,200 for an overnight stay in an air-conditioned villa. Promo is valid until February 2006. Call 8402529 or 7500466.

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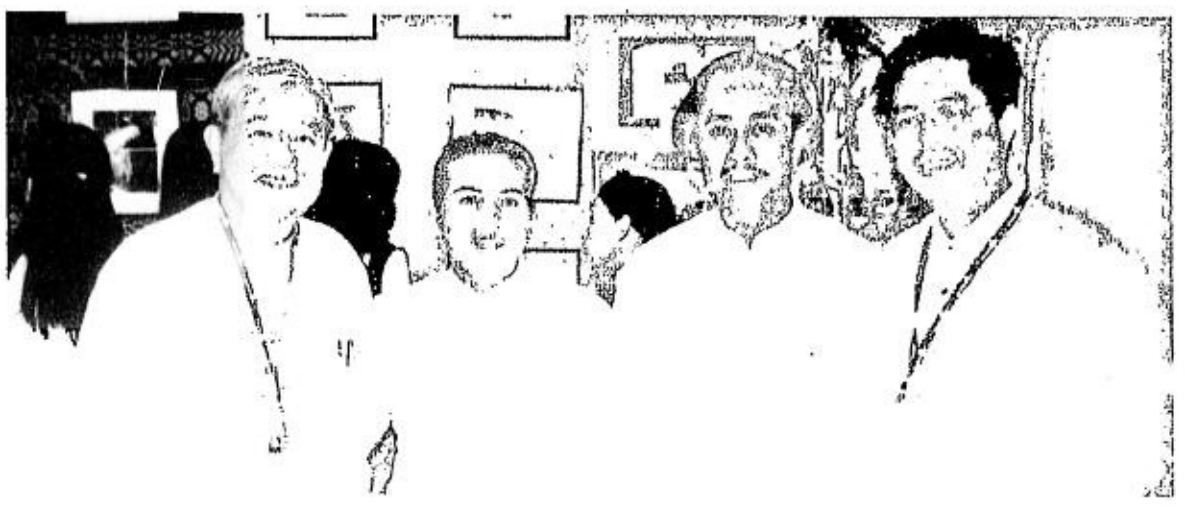

LA UNION JOINS SM MEGAMALL TRAVELMART
The La Union Tourism Board recently joined Philippine Travelmart at the Megatrade of SM Megamall. Shoppers availed of Ilocano products such as *basi*, *abel* blankets and towels, Luna's famous multicolored stones, silk produce, handicrafts and other products the province of La Union was known for. Jojo de Guzman (third from left), the province's media bureau chief and tourism head, is shown with guests.

TREE Planting in La Mesa Dam
Reforestation by UP MD is a project of the University of the Philippines College of Medicine. The UPCM Centennial Forest, A Forest for a Hundred Years, was spearheaded by dean Cecilia Tomas and the Department of Clinical Epidemiology headed by Dr. Niel Juban and conducted in cooperation with ABS-CBN Foundation Bantay Kalikasan.

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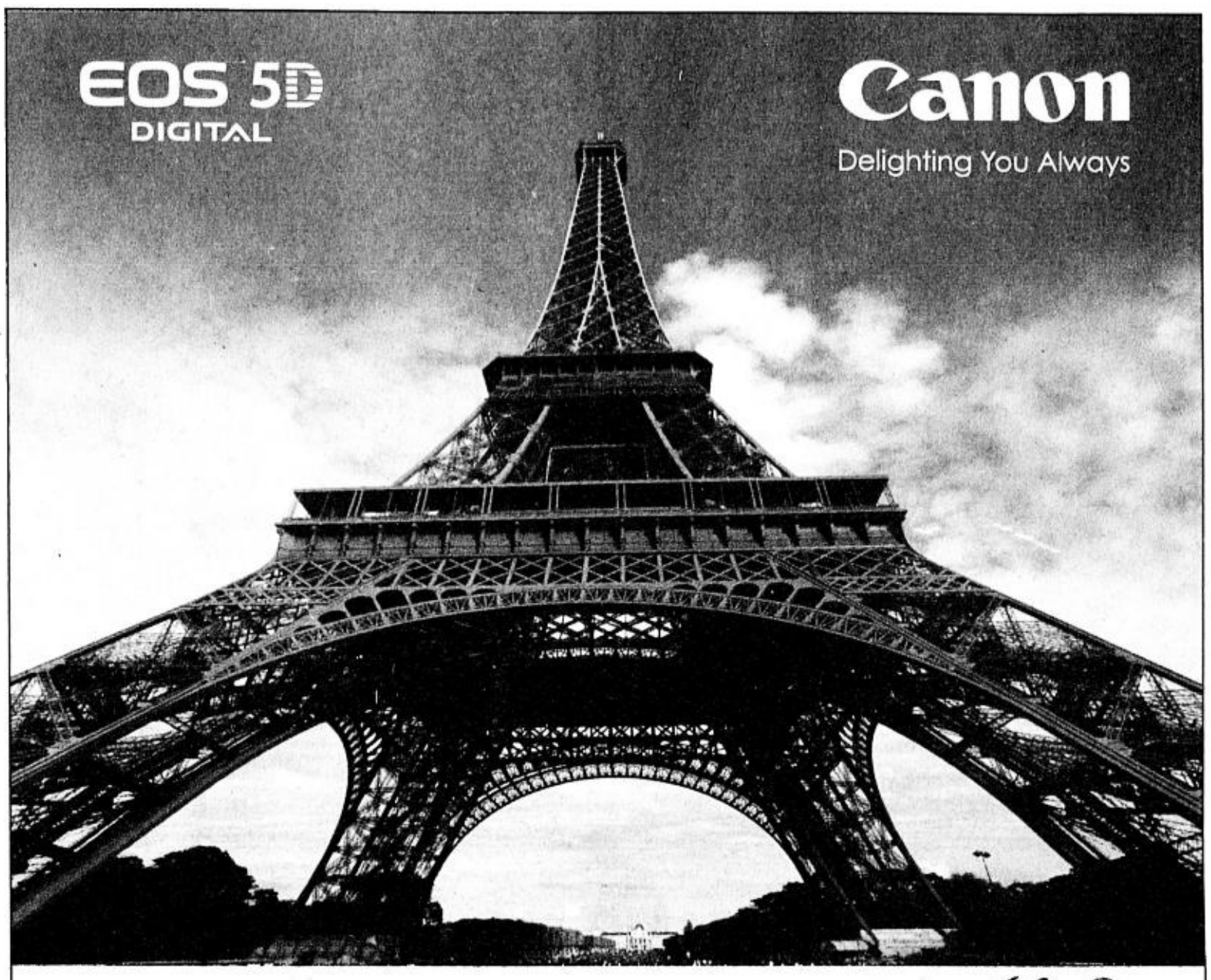

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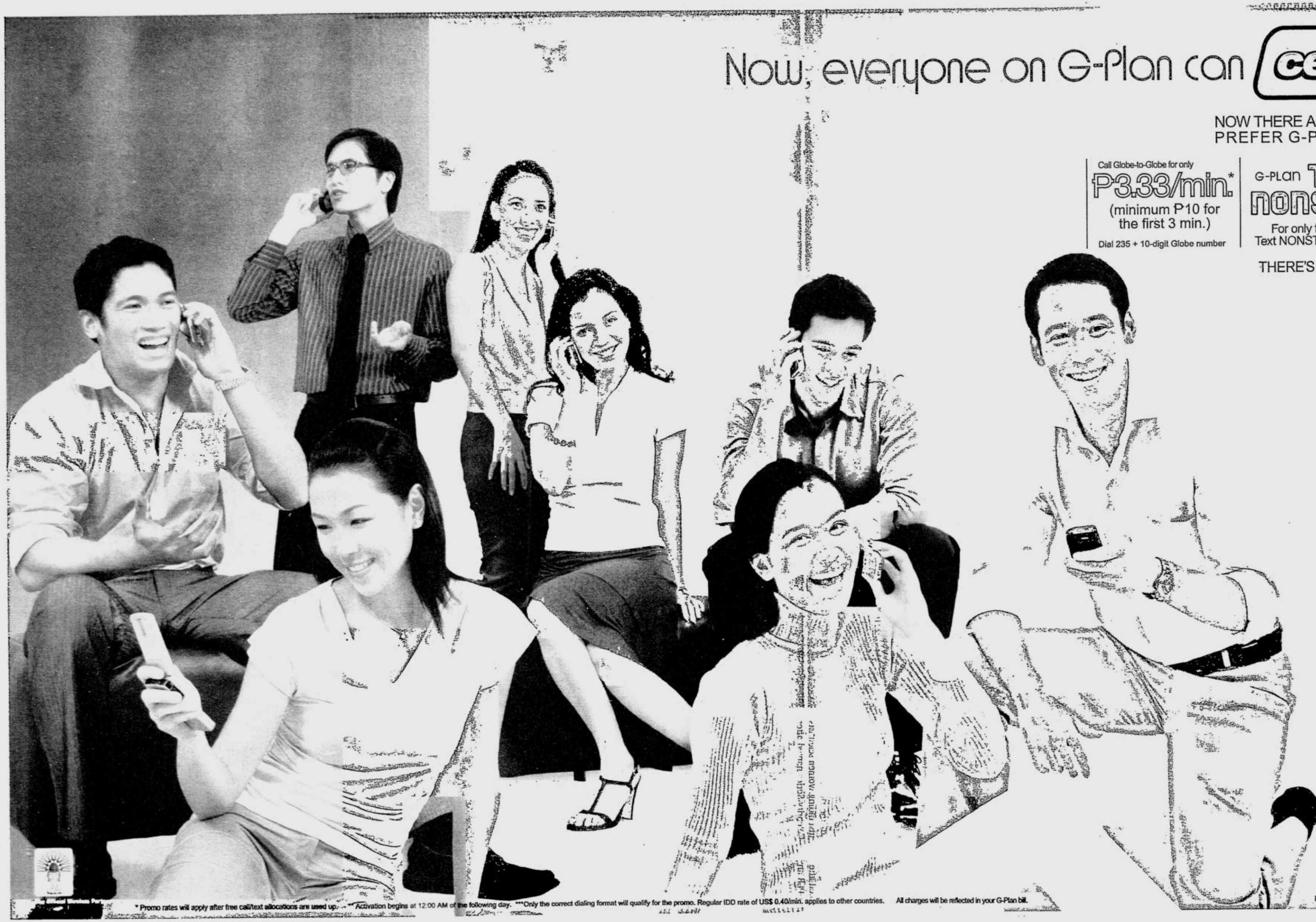

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Rey Pimentel, a plant breeder, was honored for developing 'gumamela' hybrids that have become best sellers

FOR ITS *belen*, one booth has bundles of *talahib* representing Mary, Joseph and Jesus.

Los Baños showcases Christmas gardens

THE LOS BAÑOS ORCHID SOCIETY HONORED plant breeder Rey Pimentel during the opening of its flower and garden show ongoing until Oct. 16.

Theme of the show is "Christmas in the Tropics."

Pimentel successfully developed, in June 1999, when the Philippines celebrated the centennial of its independence, the Hibiscus (*gumamela*) crossbreeding while working in the Institute of Plant Breeding of the University of the Philippines Los Baños (UPLB).

The Centennial Series had 11 hybrids named after heroines of the Philippines. Later, Pimentel launched the Millennium Series named after the outstanding women scientists of UPLB and the Celebrity Series named after movie personalities.

In yesterday's opening ceremonies, awardees in the current show were also announced:

Most Outstanding Booth, Earthkeepers

Best in Plant Composition—Earthkeepers, first; CV Lazaro, second; and Orchids sa Masapang, third.

Best in Construction—Earthkeepers, first; CV Lazaro, second; and Orchids sa Masapang, third.

Best (plant) in the Show—Aglaonema Donna Carmen, Vic Chin; Best Cultured Plant—Australian Fern; Best Collection of a Kind—Bromeliad, Genesis; Best Flowering Plant—Hoya, CV Lazaro.

Christmas Lighting—Exotica, first; Jean Lasap, second; Tess Dotig, third.

Aroids—Aglaonema Donna Carmen, Chin, first; Aglaonema sp., Earthkeepers, second; Schefflera, Earthkeepers, third.

Bromeliads (flowering)—Tillandsia xenographica, Tess Dotig, first; Freburgensis palundosa, Genesis, second; Red chestnut vriesia, Robelle Garden, third.

Bromeliad (non-flowering)—Vrisea tinetralis, Genesis, first; Neo. Bolero, Orchids sa Masapang, second; Neo. drothy, Orchids sa Masapang, third.

Ferns—Australian Fern, Tess Dotig, first; Bird's nest, Earthkeepers, second; Goniophlebium sp., Earthkeepers, third.

Succulents—Sansevieria compacta, Genesis, first; Sans. Maryrenata, Genesis, second; Sans. Pagoda, Genesis, third.

Cattleya (yellow-orange-green)—Brassolaeliocattleya (BLC) Malvarosa Green Mystic "Nana," Malvarosa, first; BLC apricot flare, Malvarosa, second; BLC Haadyai Delight "Bangprowl Gold," Malvarosa, third.

Cattleya (pink-purple)—BLC Mahina Yahiro, Malvarosa, first; BLC Rainbow Gold x Laeliocattleya (LC) Peggy Hoffman "Pink Wonder," Malvarosa, second; LC Nani Perez 'Joey' x (LC Puppy Love x LC Meissen), Malvarosa, third.

Vanda—V. Madame Pranerm x Vanda Kultana Gold, first; V. Sanderiana, second; V. Mem. Velthius x V. Rasri Gold, third.

Other Genera—Oncidium Josephine, first; Colmanara wildcat Yellow Butterfly, second; Oncidium Sharry Baby, third.

Hybrid of Philippine species—Special Award-Rhynchostylis coelestis x Aerides lawrenciae

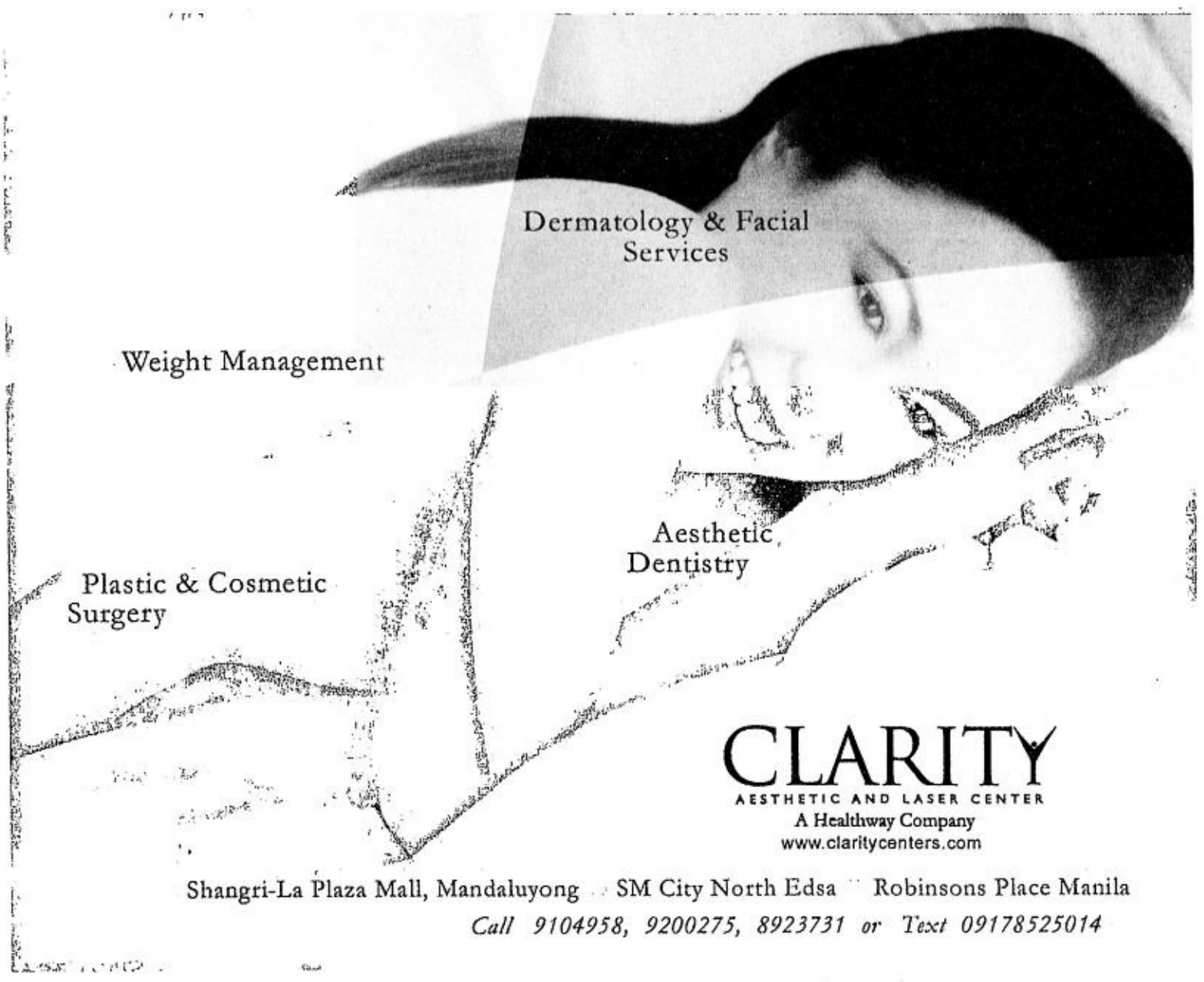
Cattleya (small flowers)—C. Mem. Conrada Perez "Pink," first; Potinara Malvarosa Sunrise, second; Potinara Malvarosa sunset, third.

Cattleya (white/semi-alba)—Lc Stephen Oliver Fouraker "Elmhurst," first; Bc Mem. Ruth Moon "OC," second; Bc Meditation x Lc Stephen Oliver Fouraker, third.

Palms—Arenga pinnata, Earthkeepers, first; Rhapis excelsa, second.

Philippine Indigenous Ornamental Plants—Hoya "Mega Star," CV Lazaro, first; Arenga, Earthkeepers, second; Microsoium, Earthkeepers, third.

Flowering—Hoya Mega Star, CV Lazaro, first; Anthurium "Red Hot," Blooms Avenue, second; Ervatamia, Exotica, third.



A SPELLBINDING HALLOWEEN AT THE SHANG!

The Children's Halloween Party
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Halloween Loot Bags

TRICK OR TREAT AROUND THE MALL

MECHANICS:

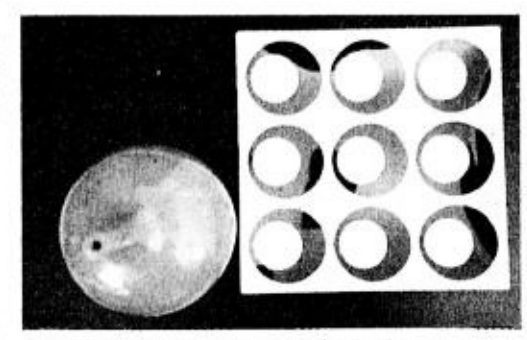
1. The Trick or Treat activity is open to kids ages 12 and below who should come in Halloween costumes.
2. Registration of P200 is required. No refunds.
3. Registration period is until October 20 from 10:00am to 6:00pm at the Shangri-La Plaza Corporation Administration Office at Level 5.
4. Only the first 250 registrants will be accommodated on a first-come-first-served basis.
5. Assembly time will be at 1:00pm at the Grand Atrium, Level 2 on October 22.

Shangri-La Plaza

Fuss-free bachelor's hive

TWO-SEAT dining table with a pair of beige ottomans are set against the kitchen window.

VIEW from the kitchen



ACCENT pieces as viewed from the top

Text by Alex Y. Vergara
Photos by Chito Vecina

LIKE A TYPICAL BACHELOR POISED TO fly the coop for the very first time, Jobert Dumlao couldn't contain his excitement at the thought of going home to his very own place. His euphoria, however, was cut short when reality finally caught up with him a few months ago.

Unknown to his parents, Dumlao, group brand manager of Coca-Cola Export Corp., bought a studio-type condo unit in the heart of Makati's Central Business District. After living for decades with his folks in their Quezon City home, he was raring to move out and live near his place of work.

"The drive to and from my Makati office was beginning to take its toll on me," he says. "From two hours, my travel time would be drastically reduced to 10 minutes."

Almost bare

Unfortunately, like almost all brand-new units sold in the country's financial district, Dumlao's new address came almost bare. The unit with off-white walls and parquet floor came with a serviceable kitchen and bathroom and not much else.

Apart from running low on funds (after shelling out a hefty sum to acquire the unit), Dumlao was absolutely clueless as to how to turn his supposed house into a home.

As luck would have it, he and furniture and interior designer Ito Kish go to the same gym. While the two were taking a respite after sweating it out on the treadmill, their talk veered toward Dumlao's latest acquisition.

"I had a vague idea about Kish (the home store in Greenbelt 3 named after its founder) and the work Ito does," says Dumlao. "For some reason, however, it didn't occur to me to hire his services. I thought he was expensive."

Well, Kish, who also heads a separate design company called Gallano Designs (www.gallanodesigns.com), can be "expensive" depending on the demands of the project. But he's also flexible enough to work around a client's modest budget if the situation so requires. And Dumlao's, with a budget of less than P200,000, was one such case.

Low-maintenance

The unit with a floor area of 41 sq m was small to begin with. Dumlao, a self-confessed "OC," wanted a low-maintenance and clutter-free environment typical of a hotel room.

"I work long hours," he says. "If ever I have some free time, I usually spend it at the gym or with friends. Since I hardly eat at home, I initially felt no need for a dining table."

Kish's job, which was to put some warmth and character to the place, seemed easy enough. But it also involved shopping for quality yet no-frills furniture and accent pieces to go with the space.

Instead of buying ready-made pieces, Kish ended up ordering custom-built, made-to-measure stuff to go with accent pieces such as a decorative mirror, a pair of lamps, an area rug and several vases sourced from various home stores.

"Since the place is small, everything needed to be properly measured," says Kish. "I ended up having all the key pieces, including the two-seat dining table, fabricated to fit Jobert's limited space."

He was finally able to convince his client to include the dining table, which now also doubles as Dumlao's working table. But since his new home is so conducive to sleeping, he's now beginning to doubt the wisdom behind acquiring such a piece.

One wise investment he couldn't do without, however, was a tall cabinet with slatted double doors that Kish turned into an entertainment center.

Space savers

In lieu of typical chairs that come with the dining table, Kish went for a pair of space-saving beige ottomans. The interior designer assures future clients that he doesn't require anyone to get stuff exclusively from his home store. In fact, he got inexpensive but quality pieces of linen for Dumlao from a department store chain.

Kish was given a virtual free hand to do whatever he wanted. Dumlao's only request was that his bed be positioned by the windows. Curtains for the windows were out of the question, as both client and interior designer agreed on Venetian blinds with a faux-wood finish.

The off-white walls also had to go in favor of creamy beige. To impart an illusion of space to the unit, Kish had the walls lined with a horizontal strip of chocolate brown. The earth-toned accent, which was more like an elevated baseboard, matched Dumlao's furniture pieces in wenge.

Tucked within one of the walls is Dumlao's closet, which blended seamlessly into the entire setup. Apart from adding a couple of cabinets and organizers to the kitchen and bathroom, Kish didn't touch the areas. He also retained the unit's parquet flooring.

He sectioned the kitchen off by having a wall built between it and the rest of the studio. The wall, however, came with a window-like opening by the sink to keep the kitchen from becoming too constricting. At the same time, it also provides anyone in the kitchen with a view of the entire unit.

Two weeks

Such was Kish's involvement in the project that he was able to finish it in two weeks. Dumlao was poorer by P160,000 by the end of the said period, but he didn't mind at all especially when compliments started coming his way. Not a few of his friends think all that trouble was worth it.

Since Dumlao's first impulse is to go home these days soon after spending long hours at the office, it won't come as a surprise if he ends up saving money that he would otherwise spend with his friends during typical night-outs.

"It's a perfect place to lounge," he says. "During the first month after I moved in, my friends and I had informal parties as often as three times a week."

And how did he break the news to his family? A week before making the big move, the son finally mustered enough courage to tell his parents of his plans. To his surprise, they took it quite well.

And when he showed the place to his mom, she immediately liked it. That's good enough for Dumlao.

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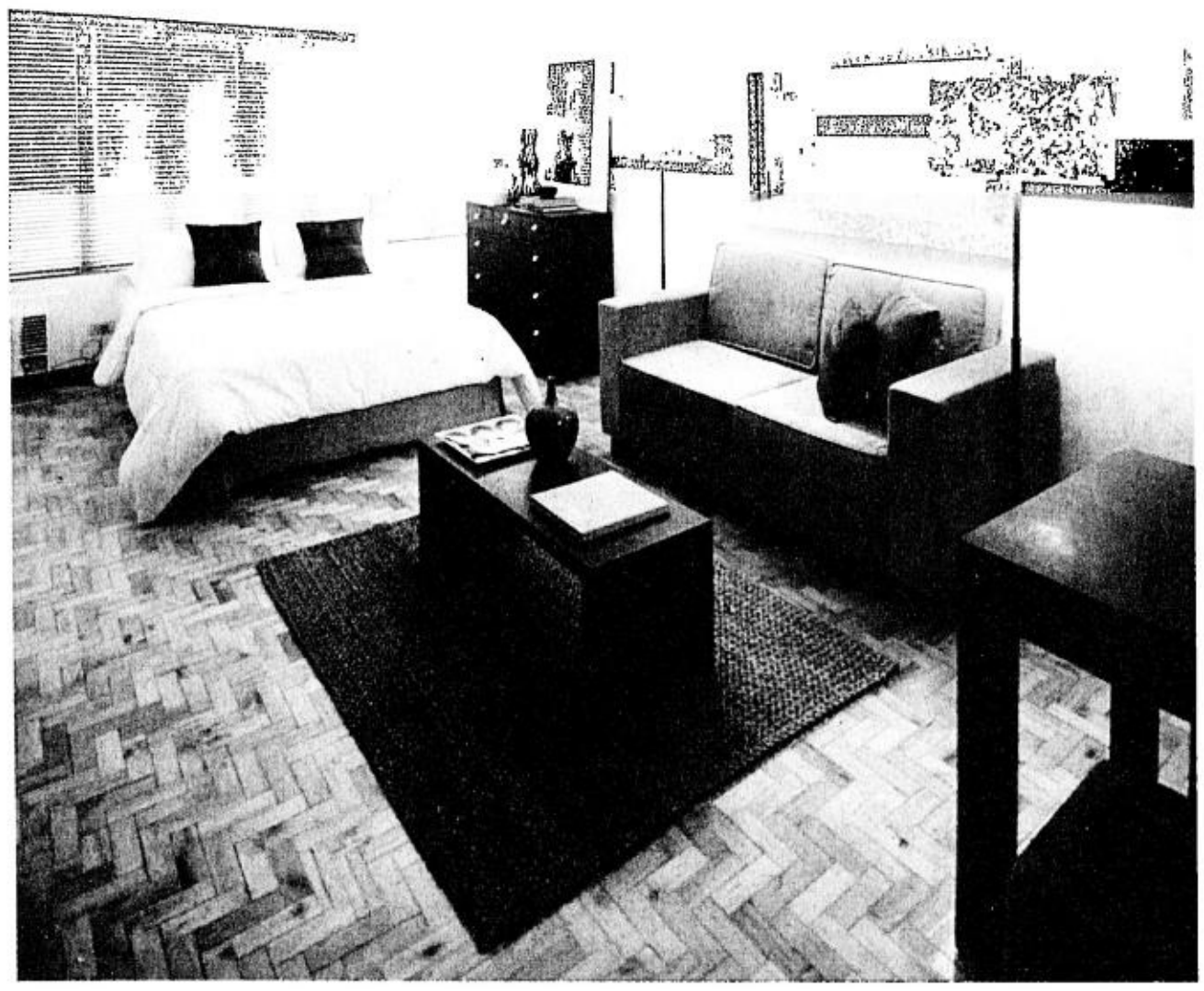
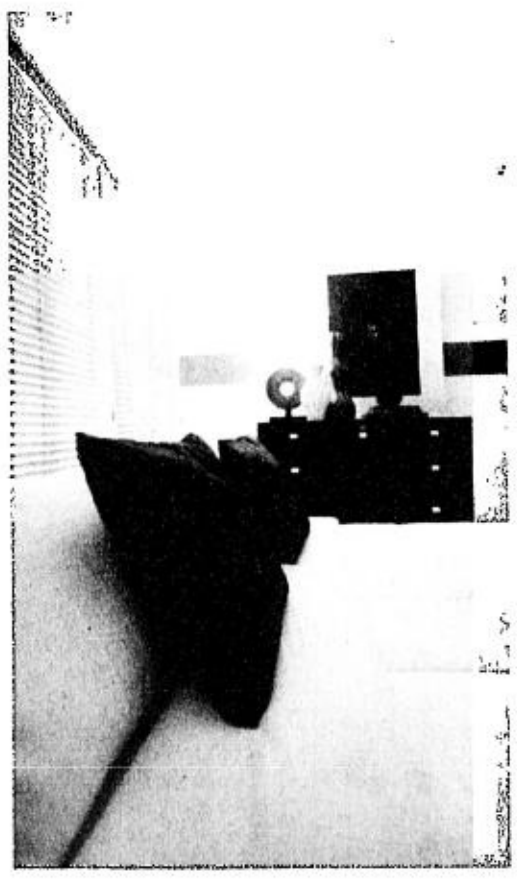
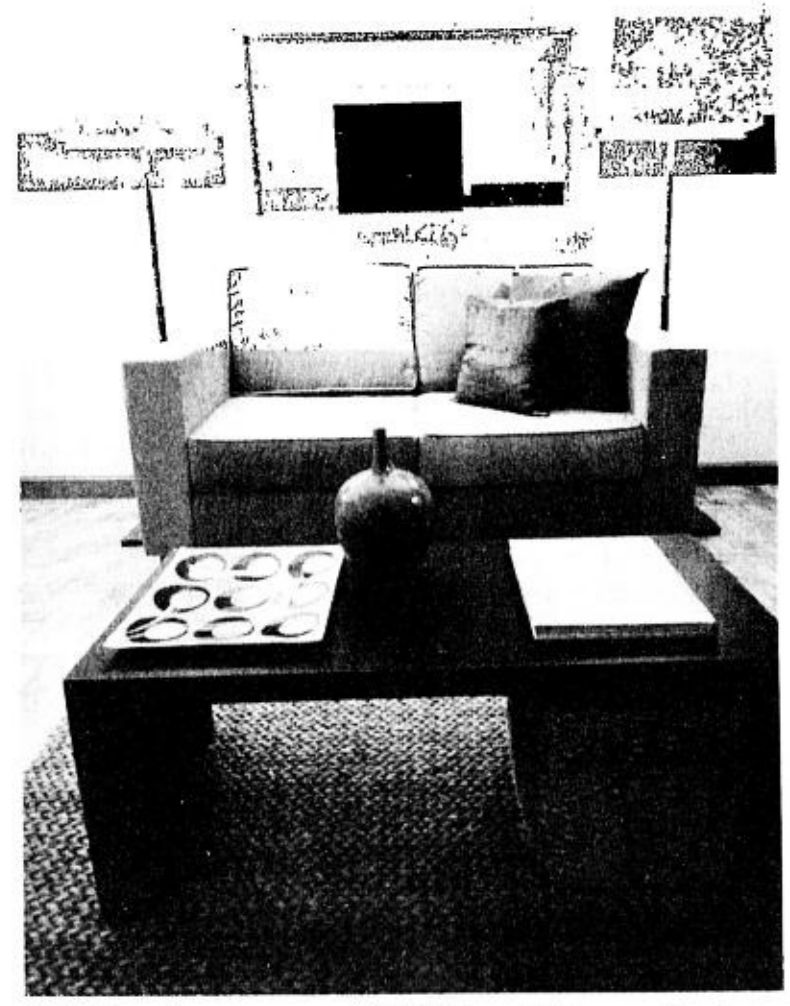


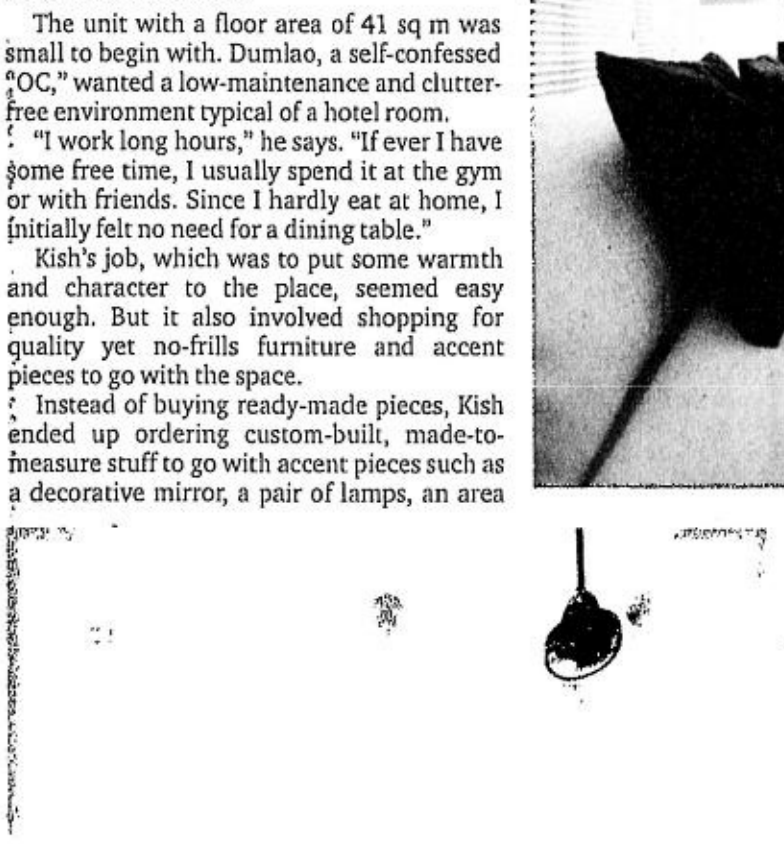
OFF-WHITE walls are repainted beige to complement the parquet floor and wenge furniture pieces.



CLIENT and interior designer agree to ditch the curtains in favor of faux-wood Venetian blinds.



EVERY item, from the sofa to the area rug, is scaled down to fit the unit's limited space. Kish has most of the big pieces custom-built.



BED, with inexpensive linen, is set against the window, and beyond, a view of Makati's Central Business District.

WARM yet without frills, typical of a modern hotel

Jobert Dumlao's new address came almost bare, but help was on the way in the person of Ito Kish

Perfecting a Future

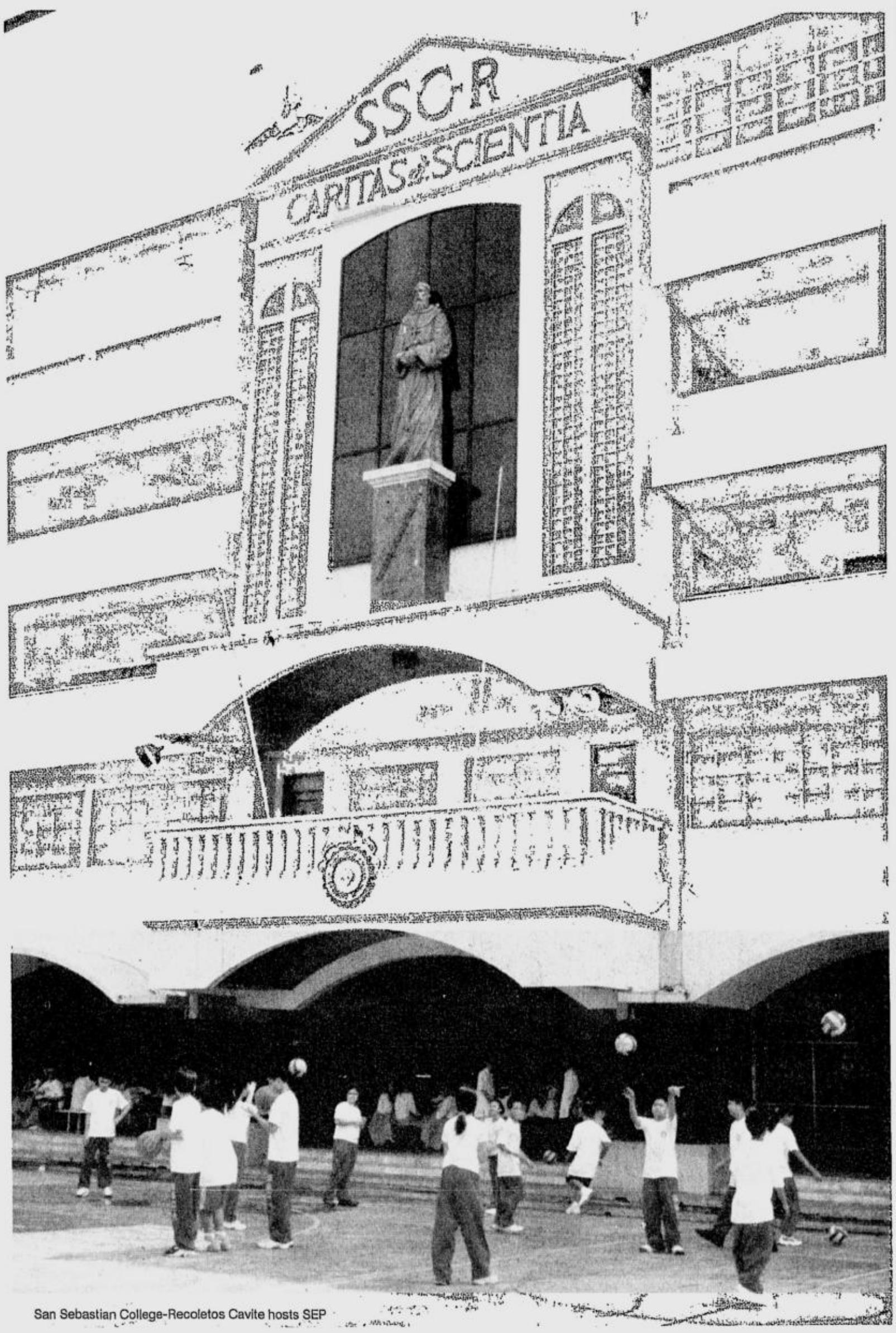
The SMART Entrepreneurial Program (SEP)

"SEP opens up students to the new realities in the job market."

Boy Martirez
SMART PCMSD Head

College graduates from universities across the country are faced with the challenge of finding employment. In Cavite, one of the most industrialized provinces in Luzon, an inspiring scenario welcomes visitors. Here you will find fourth year students openly optimistic about their future.

Last October 4, close to three hundred seniors from Cavite State University and the San Sebastian College–Recoletos gathered for the SMART Entrepreneurial Program (SEP). In cooperation with the SOLIS (Seminar on Livelihood and Information Systems) Program, SEP was organized and became another reason for these young adults to meet tomorrow with confidence. SMART PCMSD Head Boy Martirez says that "SEP opens up students to the new realities in the job market."



San Sebastian College-Recoletos Cavite hosts SEP

The SOLIS Program initiated by Councilor Eduard Solis awards a Plaque of Appreciation to SMART

Armando Bartolome of GMB Franchise Developers shares his knowledge on How To Start A Food Cart Business

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Student volunteers face graduation day with all smiles

Close to 300 seniors learn about entrepreneurship

The support of their schools, their local government, and the private sector all play a role in creating this positive outlook. Job Fairs held in campus expose students to prospective employers. Coupled with educational programs like SOLIS and SEP, graduates are also prepared to become successful entrepreneurs. Through partnerships such as these, we mold young minds to shape a better future for all of us.

Manny on Entrepreneurship

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--Manuel V. Pangilinan
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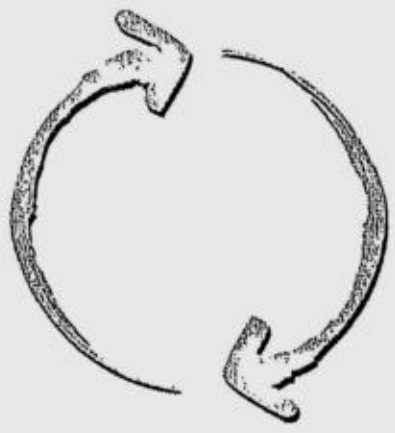

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APUYA-DIMATULAC

Edmon R. Apuya, son of **Ramon** and **Edna Apuya**, will marry **Ailene S. Dimatulac**, daughter of **Wilfredo** and **Julieta Dimatulac**, on Oct. 15, 4 p.m. at the Basilica of San Sebastian. Reception will be at The Coconut Palace.

Milestones

We welcome announcements of weddings and engagements. Submit names of engaged couple, names of parents, date and place of wedding, and gown designer along with a photo of the couple and a sketch of the bridal gown, if any, to the INQUIRER, P.O. Box 2353 Makati Central Post Office 1263 Makati City. E-mail to lifestyle@inquirer.com.ph. A photo of the bride and groom is required if the wedding has already taken place. Announcements will be printed depending on space availability and at no cost to the senders.

TALLORIN-SABATER

Ernest Ernesto P. Tallorin, son of Mr. and Ms **Ernesto D. Tallorin**, will marry **Gladys Joy H. Sabater**, daughter of Mr. and Ms **Luis A. Sabater Jr.**, on Oct. 22, at the Malate Church. Reception will follow at Villa Immaculada in Intramuros, Manila.

INSERTO-RAMOS

Marlet Ramos, daughter of **Leticia** and 2/Lt. **Mario A. Ramos** (ret.), and **Mandy Inserto**, son of **Mae** and SPO4 **Iluminado Inserto**, will exchange vows on Oct. 16, at Bluroze Chapel. Reception will be at Bluroze Farms and Wildlife Restaurant in Lipa City.

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ANDAL DEBUT

Charlotte Ann "Ara" Lupig Andal, only daughter of engineers **Nestor** and **Juliet Andal**, will celebrate her 18th birthday with a dinner-dance at the Ayala Benguet Hall of Makati Sports Club on Oct. 22. Ara, a second-year Biology student at De La Salle University, will wear an **Efren Ocampo** gown.

Men Deserve To Look Good Too!

Have you ever noticed that most cosmetic and skin care products are targeted towards women? Just because women dominate the cosmetics market, it doesn't mean that men have to be left out of the picture. In fact, male vanity is taking the world by storm.

A recent article in MSNBC cited that male skin care products sales increased by 13% in 2004, and many cosmetic companies are beginning to take advantage of this trend.Watch out soon for emerging men's lines from well-known brands such as Shiseido, Clinique, L'Oreal, Gillette and Avon.

Metrosexual male culture is thriving, and nowadays (with the success of shows such as Queer Eye for the Straight Guy and Extreme Makeover) grooming is essential to every man's appeal factor. Gone are the days of soap, shampoo, and aftershave. Men's beauty needs have evolved to the whole shebang of cleansers, moisturizers and other facial products. Moreover, male vanity extends to spa treatments and cosmetic procedures such as facials and body scrubs.

In their August issue, Metro HIM magazine focused on on the topic of male vanity. So are the men in Manila primed and prepped when it comes to looking good? Definitely. Take the dashing and multi-talented actor/producer/director Albert Martinez, for example. An avid client of the Belo Medical Group, Albert Martinez is also known for his looks and his beauty regimen. In May, Albert tried Belo Thermage (which is a single-session non-invasive alternative to skin tightening and rejuvenation) and has been raving about it ever since.

While the Belo Medical Group has observed a surge in the number of male patients coming in for Belo Thermage, they found that many of their other cosmetic services were being undergone by males as well. Belo Aptos Thread, Belo Liposuction and Belo Mesotherapy are among the most popular cosmetic treatments for men.

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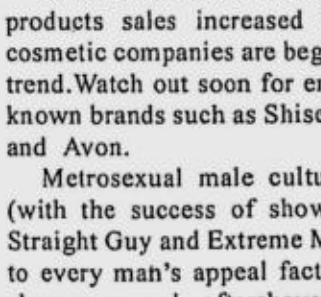

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Blind date leads to the altar

THE BRIDE with the bridesmaids and secondary sponsors: Hailey Villarica, Keri Zamora, Jaymee Topacio, Solita Garcia, Valerie Ruaro, Jennifer Tan and Rachelle Santos

By Maurice Arcache

A LONG PASSIONATE HOT kiss that sent the invitees whistling, yelling and applauding capped the two-year engagement of super attractive Anna Leonora Bettina Garcia to handsome Fabrizio Michele Ysmael Bilbao, dahlings, at the posh Santuario de San Antonio, Forbes Park, Makati.

Fabrizio Bilbao, son of popular basketball player Mike Bilbao and Cosmo Manille socialite Techie Ysmael, daughter of the late La Divina Chona Recto Ysmael Kasten, jetted back to Manille after having been based in the United States for almost a decade. The groom holds a top position at Ralph Lauren in Palm Beach.

The romance started with a fateful blind date, *palanggas*, set up by uncle/godfather and king of the nightlife Louie Ysmael and his wife Cecille Chang. Fabrizio met commercial model/designer Anna Garcia, daughter of popular businessman Solon Garcia and Ma. Virginia Fernandez.

Heirloom ring

Barely three months later, Fabrizio proposed, presenting her with a dazzling diamond engagement ring inherited from his maternal grandmother, the adorable Chona R.Y., but reset in a modern

NEWLYWEDS
Fabrizio and Anna (nee Garcia) Bilbao

Boyfriend leaves her broke

EMILY'S POST

Emily A. Marcelo

DEAR EMILY,

I had a boyfriend for three years. What hurt me most was that after three years of sacrificing for him, he just threw me away for another girl.

This May, he fell in love with an office mate. I've given him everything. My savings went to him because I was paying for his loan—even now that we're separated. I have nothing left for myself. He always needed money.

It was okay because I knew I was the only one he could run to. I gave him everything—as in everything, and I couldn't accept his leaving.

So I call him in the office every day, begging him to fix things up with me, suggesting that maybe we can patch things up. But he said he really loved his new girlfriend.

It really hurts knowing that while I'm suffering, he and his girlfriend are probably having a good time together. It's really unfair. He left me with nothing—financially and emotionally.

I can't concentrate on work, and I'm often irritable in the house. I don't want to talk to anybody. I haven't gotten over him. I don't know if this is because I loved him that much or if I am just thinking of all the money I invested in him.

Sometimes I just think of letting him go to be with the one he truly loves. Other times I think I have to fight for my rights. I'm soooo confused. *Wala na akong* pride.

Are guys really like that? They will just dump you after 'all you've done for them? Now, I'm afraid to love again. I don't want to be in the losing end again.

OLPY

Did he put a gun to your head to force you to give him all your money? Did you sign a contract that he must love you forever and never leave you for anyone?

Did he try to blackmail you into giving him anything at all? If the answer to all these questions is no, then...

The saying "Love is blind" is very true. Love blinds lovers into giving up their bankbooks, their virginity, their ideas, their all. There's nothing you can do about it.

The painful truth is, while you might have been crazy in love with him, from the way he dumped you, he probably wasn't that much into you. Sure, you had a three-year run, but he needed you more than he wanted you. And those two things are very different.

He needed your money for his myriad expenses—and you were always there ever supportive and generous. And you gave it all with nary a complaint, except now.

Wanting involves active and raging hormones—and there's nothing he can do about his wanting someone.

It may be difficult but you have to stop doing the things you're doing to him now. Stop calling and stop begging him to go back to you. Salvage the little pride you have left, while you still can.

The man will only disparage you and look at you with contempt if you continue doing this. You've pleaded your case to him, short of kissing his toes; he knows what a creep he was to you, so just slam the doors of your mind to thoughts of him—and move on.

Cry your heart out till there are no more tears left. Scream to high heavens till you get hoarse. Then, move on, move on, and don't look back. It will be difficult, it will be hell, but just do it! Pick up the pieces and learn something from the experience.

You got broke, you got bruised—whoever promised that love will be a breeze? Don't ever show the color of your money next time around. Be the one at the receiving end when love visits you again. And it will. Let this episode harden your heart to the honeyed words of men who will try to court you.

But allow yourself to be wooed. Try it. It's fun, it's exhilarating, its rejuvenating. Then let the next guy prove his worth. Only then should you become your old, kind, generous self and finally have a romance based on real mutual affection. Charge that painful episode to experience. You will become a better person for it.

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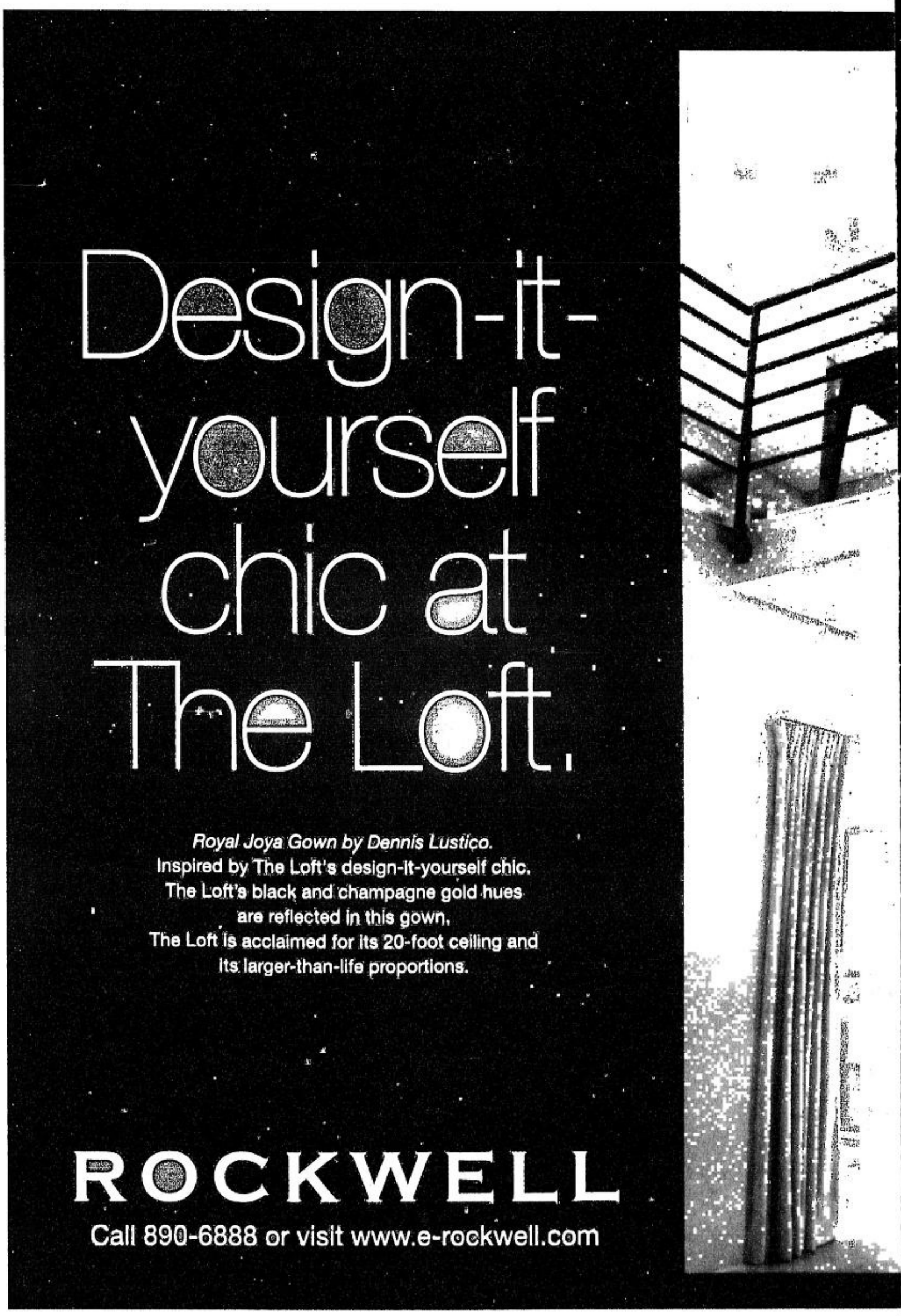


THE BRIDE with parents, Solon and Virginia Garcia

WITH THE groom's parents, Techie and Mike Bilbao

three-bezel design.

Though he proposed immediately, the couple decided to have their church wedding two years later.

Fabrizio and Anna wanted to have an intimate wedding, simple and elegant, minus a wedding coordinator. With guidance from their *familles*, the wedding was definitely beautiful, as every detail was done in good taste, dahlings.

Two hundred of Cosmo Manille's old and new rich witnessed the couple say "I do" during the solemn rites officiated by Fr. Antonio Ma. Rosales, OFM. Lector was a pal of the couple, tall, boyishly handsome Michael Chan.

Inspired by the classic '50s, florist San Ramoune filled the church—from the baroque pedestals to the altar—with eye-catching baby's breath. Even the bridal entourage carried the delicate blooms.

Designing bride

The women looked cool in copper and chocolate silk taffeta ball gowns which the bride herself designed. Composed of the bride's closest pals from Assumption College and Ateneo de Manila University, they were escorted by Fabrizio's Southridge classmates.

Best man was José Antonio Chan and maid of honor was the bride's sister, Ma. Solita Garcia.

Bridesmaids were San Miguel's Rachelle Santos, architect Jennifer Tan and cousin Valerie Ruaro. Groomsmen were brothers Enrique and Emmanuel Garcia, and jeweler CP Velayo.

Secondary sponsors were lawyers Hailey Lynne Villarica and Dave Escalona (candle); ex-model Keri Lynne Zamora and Gilette Phils. president José Luis Hidalgo (cord); and show-biz personality Jaymee Topacio and PAL's top captain Roland Narciso (veil).

Being hip, unconventional and modern, the couple chose to have their Southridge pals, instead of little boys, as ring bearers.

Holding her nosegay of all white roses, Anna was the radiant bride as she walked down the aisle to the tune of "Ave Maria" (Ground's version), wearing a beautiful and *trés* feminine French silk bustier gown with cascading ruffles from front to back and minimal beadwork by no less than the Paris-based Jean Patou designer, incredibly talented Roy Gonzales of RT Paras. She wore gorgeous heirloom diamond pieces inherited from her paternal grandparents who looked vintage chic.

WITH maid of honor Solita Garcia, groom's mother Techie Ysmael-Bilbao, bride's mother Virginia Fernandez-Garcia, father of the bride Solon Garcia, Enrique Voltaire Garcia III, Emmanuel Garcia and the groom's father Mike Bilbao

WITH secondary sponsors Keri Zamora, Jaymee Topacio, Hailey Villarica, José Luis Hidalgo, Roland Narciso and Dave Escalona

Fabrizio was good-looking in his Giorgio Armani tux from Bergdorf Goodman, New York.

Anna and Fabrizio chose from their *famille* and closest pals and baptismal godparents their principal sponsors. The godfathers were business magnates, high-profile men and assorted hotshots; godmothers included our town's women of substance, stylish and pedigreed, dahlings, and the Ysmaels' grand matriarch Maria Luisa Perez-Rubio.

Black-tie reception

The once-in-a-lifetime celebration included a *despedida* dinner dance at the Rigodon Ballroom of The Peninsula Manila. Being a black-tie event, the men looked polished and smart, while the women were gorgeous in their '50s long gowns.

And those who were there, *palanggas*, included: Cebu's gorgeous asset and Manille's loss, Chary Aboitiz; old-wealth names like Patxi and Pamen Roxas Elizalde; Santi and Marilen Gonzales Elizalde; Patxi and Sofia Zobel Elizalde; Ramon and Marilou Magsaysay; Lily Chan; Jaime and Cristina Hagedorn-Davila; world-class interior and furniture designer Budji Layug; business magnate Babes Romualdez; Conkoy and ultra fashionable Doodie Menchaca Tuason; Entang Carballo; Ina Dizon; adorable Madeleine Lim; Cora Relova; Nini Valdez; Paco and Aurora Gonzales; Chito and Bettina Legarda Khan; Ito Legarda Khan, polo player and business magnate Tony Garcia; and tall head-turner Mindy Perez-Rubio, who represented the Perez-Rubio clan. There were tons of other guests too gorgeous to mention, *palanggas*.

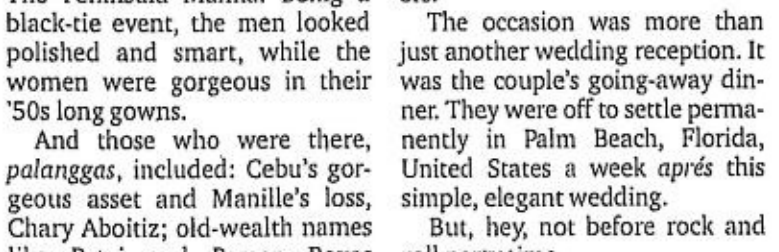
Dinner was absolutely delightful with wine to drown it all. It included house smoked salmon, cream of vegetables with pesto soup, roast rib-eye of beef, and a refreshing strawberry soup with strawberry sorbet for dessert. Needless to say, the simple three-layer fondant all-white cake did not go unnoticed.

The reception heated up when, brothers two, best man Joe and Michael Chan, had the invitees totally enchanted as they sang The Beatles' "Till There Was You" and "Dream" by the Everly Brothers.

The occasion was more than just another wedding reception. It was the couple's going-away dinner. They were off to settle permanently in Palm Beach, Florida, United States a week *aprés* this simple, elegant wedding.

But, hey, not before rock and roll party time.

Ending the cool wedding reception was an awesome fox trot performed by the beautiful couple to the tune of "Begin the Beguine." Once again everyone applauded and yelled for more! more! more! as Anna and Fabrizio sealed their dance with a sexy cool dip... and another breathtaking kiss, dahlings. Wow!



WITH maid of honor Solita Garcia and best man Antonio Chan

MOTHER of the bride Virginia Garcia, the groom's mother Techie Bilbao, sponsors Victoria Davila, Ellen Uy, Lita Banson, Tootsie Eduque and Min Sibayan; (second row) sponsors Judy Araneta Roxas, Mary Prieto, Vilma Valera, Luisita Vaca, Leah Bautista and Grace Ruaro

La Naval procession today

WHEN SOMEONE TELLS you "to have a life," he means for you to spend your days doing meaningful things that would make you happy.

I am sure having a devotion to Our Lady of the Holy Rosary of La Naval is "having a life," especially for those who have been aware of the devotion since they were students of Angelicum, University of Santo Tomas and other Dominican schools.

These former students will join in the grand procession at 4 p.m. today around the streets of Quezon City. Images of other Dominican saints will also be in the procession, including San Lorenzo Ruiz, the first Filipino saint. The procession is a highlight of the fiesta of La Naval on the second Sunday of October. The Sto. Domingo Church opened at 5 a.m. for the first Mass. Every hour thereafter, a Mass was said.

This is the 14th year I will attend the fiesta. I was brought there for the first time in 1991 by Dr. Erwin Carabeo and Tita Auring Capistrano. It was awesome to see the altar resplendent with lights and votive candles burning before the Virgin of La Naval. Her children were looking up to her beautiful face thanking her for favors given or asking for her intercession in meeting urgent needs.

After the procession, the image of the Virgin was returned to her altar. "Salve Regina" was sung, as a small mechanism pushed the image up from below. People held their breath as they prayed there would be no accident. When the image was firmly and safely in place, the people applauded and sang a Marian song.

The devotion to Our Lady of La Naval is a way of life and of hope. For as long as we have devotion to Mary, mother of God, we will be okay.

Welcomed

Edna Ouano Toral wrote from Cebu informing us that more parishes welcomed Our Lady of Manaoag's replica image. They were Sto. Tomas de Tolentino parish in Malabuyoc, South Cebu; St. Isidore Parish in Culaba, Biliran, Leyte; Our Lady of Manaog Chapel in Calajan Island; and San Roque Parish in Barrio Leling, Naga, Cebu.

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Josephine Darang

This brought to 25 the churches in Cebu and Leyte that enthroned the image of Our Lady of Manaoag in their altars.

The first Rosary Center dedicated to Our Lady of Manaoag was blessed by Ricardo Cardinal Vidal in Barrio Corte, Carmen, Cebu. Thousands of pilgrims go there every year. It is run by the Benedictine Fathers of Saint Sylvester.

Philippine patroness

By some miracle, I found notes on Our Lady of Guadalupe among my files saying the Virgin is the patroness of the Philippines. They say when Juan Miguel Lopez de Legazpi landed in Mactan, Cebu, in 1565, his soldiers fired at Rajah Tupas, king of Cebu, and his warriors.

But Fray Andres de Urdaneta, accompanied by his missionaries held high a painted banner of Our Lady of Guadalupe and Rajah Tupas was completely awed by the icon. The rajah welcomed the Virgin and that was the beginning of the Church in the Philippines.

Some Filipino pilgrims, guided by visionary Carmelo Cortez, traveled from the United States to Mexico to visit the Basilica of Our Lady of Guadalupe. Carmelo was allowed to enter the Indian Chapel. He went to the basement and picked up a stone as souvenir.

Pilgrims from Manila, led by Msgr. Jerome Reyes, will leave on Oct. 17 for Mexico. If you have a United States visa and want to join, call 5211651 or text 0915-5514468.

Holy Land trip

Chat Drilon of Apex Travel wishes to continue the tradition begun by her mother Alice Padlan, in bringing pilgrims to the Holy Land every year. Those interested can call 5253883 or text 0917-8250817.

Heart and Soul

The concert "Heart and Soul" of 13-year-old Singaporean pianist Benjamin Boo on Oct. 22, 8 p.m., at the Meralco Theater, aims to raise funds for God Loves Prayer Community. "Not for my own glory, but for God's glory," says the notes on the pianist's CD. Every time he plays the piano, it is a performance for his Creator—the giver of his amazing talent.

"Benjamin has always felt fortunate for being given a pair of talented hands by God, and always he desires to give something back to him," says his mother, Betty Goh. For tickets, call Robert 0917-5301213, or Filaine at 8921887.

Endowment fund

After pledging P300,000 to the Masbate Cathedral fundraising project, Michael L. Romero donated P1 million to his father's Reghis M. Romero II Scholarship Endowment Fund for Entrepreneurship Development for De La Salle University-Manila. This is Mickey Romero's way of tithing.

Receiving the donation during ceremonies at Yuchengco Hall was Rene R. Fuentes, De La Salle Science Foundation president. The endowment will help poor scholars of the university. Reghis Romero II is the founder and board chair of the R-II Builders Inc. that developed the Smokey Mountain dumpsite into a model housing community.

OUR Lady of La Naval

Mickey Romero is also organizing Life in the Spirit Seminar for 50 employees Nov. 12-13 in Vitas, Tondo. Fr. Ed Boglosa, Pacem priest, will conduct the seminar.

Play

Ramon Orlina told this columnist that Cocoy Laurel will play Haybing in the first repeat performance of the play "Ang Mapaghimalang Birhen ng Caysasay" on Oct. 30, 6 p.m., at the CAP Auditorium in Balayan, Batangas. Also performing are Ivy Violan, Lou Veloso, Cheloy Dans and Tommy Abuel, to name of few.

Theater critic Juan Lanuza told Orlina he was very impressed with the production. By the way, Celerina Pujante-Cayabyab, mother of Ryan Cayabyab who wrote the music and lyrics, is from Balayan. She was the only dramatic soprano in the Philippines during her time. For tickets, text Baby Villamin at 0917-6280626 or call (043)2114252.

Peñafrancia seminary 60th alumni homecoming

THE OUR LADY OF PEÑAFRANCIA Seminary (OLPS) in Bibincahan, Sorsogon City, will hold its 60th alumni homecoming on Oct. 15-16.

On Day 1 of the homecoming, there will be a motorcade around the main thoroughfare of Sorsogon City, followed by lunch in the seminary and a general assembly of the OLPS Alumni Association to discuss projects, among them a fund drive for the renovation of the seminary chapel, and Project Dex, a foundation to honor Dexter Marbella, a young alumnus who died recently of kidney complications.

Dinner and socials will be held in the evening. Alumni coming from out of town are welcome to stay overnight in the seminary.

On Day 2, a concelebrated thanksgiving Mass will be held, after which a new OLPS alumni office will be inaugurated. The rest of the day will be spent on games and socials.

For 60 years, the Our Lady of Peñafrancia Seminary has been the main source of priestly vocations for the Diocese of Sorsogon. Starting as a minor seminary in 1945, it now offers both high school and college formation. The secondary classical curriculum includes Spanish and Latin in addition to other DepEd-required subjects in arts and sciences. The college curriculum, on the other hand, leads to an AB Philosophy degree, preparatory to Theology studies.

All OLPS alumni (graduates as well as those who spent part of their high school or college years inside) are invited to attend the homecoming.

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By Gilda Cordero-Fernando

I AM IMBUED WITH INFINITE impatience. Being an eight, I like things punctual, purposeful, carry-out-able. That is why the universe sends me this topsy-turvy day.

Things did not pan out for this morning's free body movement dance session that Lyvia and I had planned. Everyone we asked said yes but was either deep in some project or going out of town. So the next best thing, said Lyvia, was to do our dance in Agnes' house in the morning (all the way in Alabang!) then proceed to Pansol (two hours away!). Gillie had something wrong with her kidney, she said, and the hot springs would do her good. Two spontaneous ideas and not enough time to plan them properly. How frightening! My impulse was to say no, but my husband was off to a golf tournament so I said yes.

I should have said no,. I thought, as I sat alone in Agnes' *sala* clutching my Tupperware of chicken salad. The meeting time was 10 a.m. and it was already 10:30 but no one had arrived. Even the hostess was out, buying baguettes at the shopping center, or so I thought.

Lyvia arrived with three big

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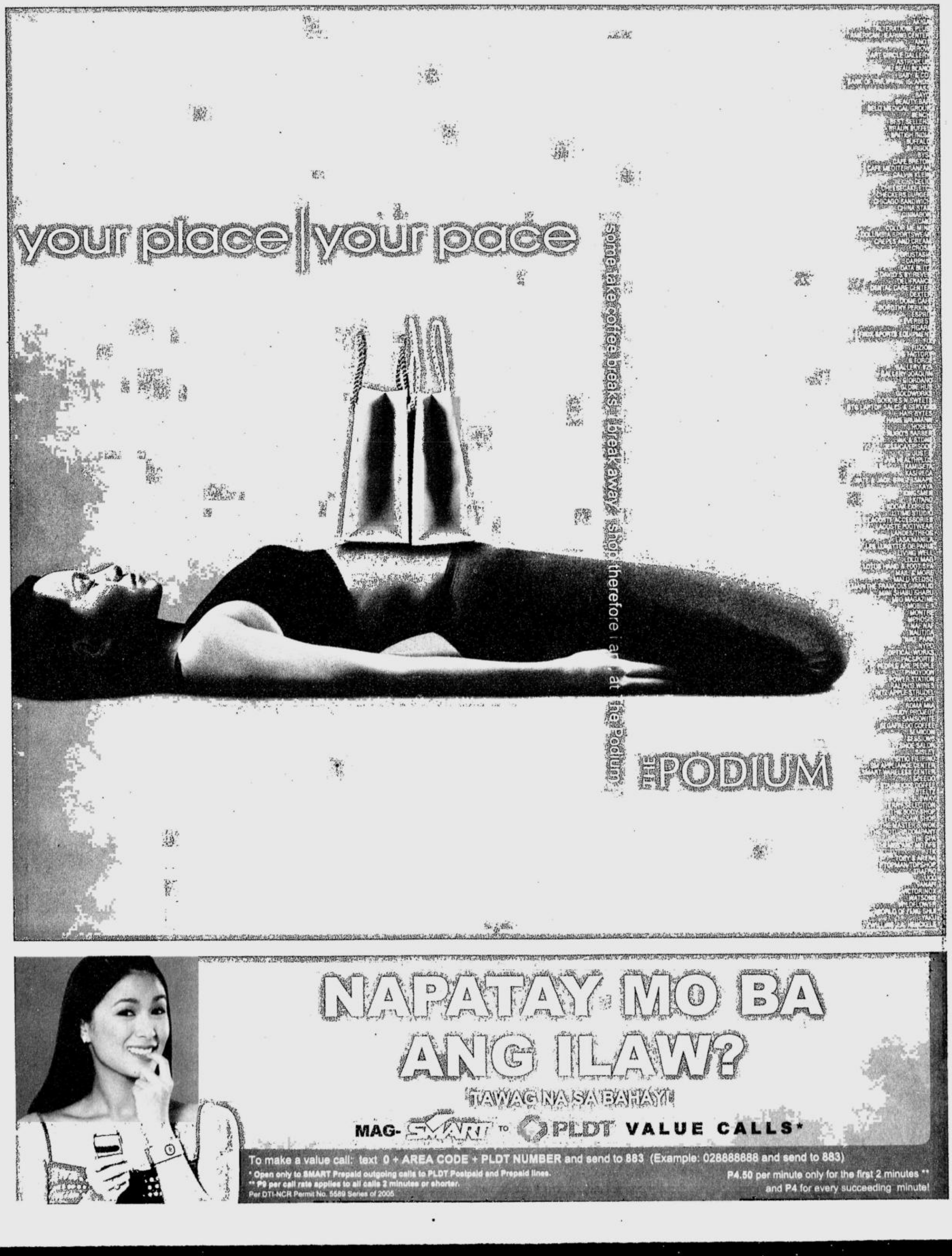

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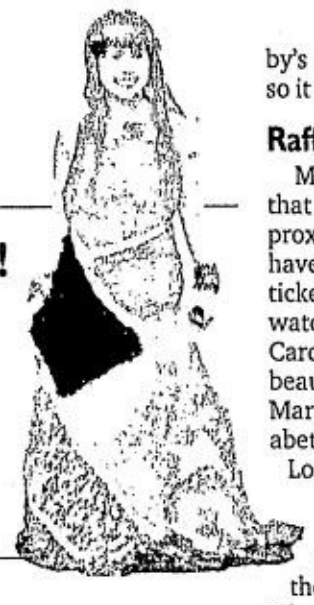
If 40 is the new 30, what about 42?



Tessa Prieto-Valdes

WITH ALL THE WOMEN-empowerment and ultra-hydration moisturizers going around, 40 is the new 30. Unfortunately, I'm not sure what turning 42 is, especially when one is still carrying excess, post-pregnancy poundage. I am not complaining about getting older because that is just inevitable. I have accepted the challenge by trying to age gracefully and defying gravity with non-invasive treatments.

Last month, I was thinking of just hosting an uneventful birthday dinner, nothing as huge as my mega, "Amazing Race"/"Fear Factor," 40th birthday bash of two years ago. But somewhere in the planning, I got excited about including a fund-raising project for the Assumption Mission Schools in my birthday celebration. I figured I might as well do some charity work instead of sulking about my tummy that couldn't seem to go away.

After a series of meetings with my Assumption HS Class '81 batchmates, the idea grew into a kids' fashion show, a silent art auction, a raffle and a mini-concert all in one with my birthday party. I made sure all the elements of fun and total entertainment were incorporated into the affair.

I was able to arrange the generous sponsorship of Metro Market! Market! with ultra-sharp owner **Margaret Gaisano-Ang** when we met a couple of months ago at Timex's 25th Anniversary in Cebu. Aside from sponsoring all the kids' clothes for the fashion show, and arranging for accessories and gift certificates for a raffle, Margaret allowed us to do a rehearsal for the show at their main department store at Market! Market! at the Fort. A special "thank you" goes to department store GM **Julie Montano**, who even arranged for snacks and giveaways for the kids.

The Cebuanos are among the most hospitable people I have met. They have excellent marketing and PR skills. In between practices, Julie accompanied me to the grocery to guide me through the extensive detergent and fabric softeners they carry. A new discovery was vapor bath gels for babies—perfect for **Athena**! I highly recommend this for baby's nighttime bath. It's slightly mentholated so it really soothes them.

It's that age when one could mark one's birthday with a kids' fashion show, a silent art auction, a raffle and a mini-concert

Raffle

My batch mates planned the raffle such that all ticket holders would win a prize approximating the value of the ticket and still have a chance to win major prizes like airline tickets; iPods; Dimensione furniture; stylish watches from Swatch and Timex; HSBC Red Cards pre-loaded with P10,000 of credit; beautiful bags from Bea Valdes and Proud Mary; hotel accommodations from Hotel Elizabeth in Baguio, Punta Fuego, Taal Vista Lodge, Plantation Bay Villas and Mactan Island Shangri-La Resort; and others too numerous to list. City hotels like the InterContinental and Mandarin, through their PR **Carmela Bocanegra** and **Charisse Chuidian**, respectively, generously gave as well.

Lucky classmate **Caroline Sison** won a Philippine Airlines business-class ticket to Hong Kong. Cebu Pacific, Asian Spirit and Sea Air also donated major airline ticket prizes, which we tied up with resort accommodations like Fairways & Blue Waters, Nami Villas and Legends Hotel in Palawan.

In this special raffle, everyone was a winner but more importantly, contributed funding to the Assumption Mission Schools. These schools are the educational and socio-pastoral apostolate of the Assumption religious community and are targeted at the urban poor.

Assumption alumnae, especially the Silver Jubilee batch, shoulder the financing of its operations with a donation to the Mission Schools. We are in the homestretch of our four-year, fund-raising effort and have so many to thank. Next month, our final fund-raiser is a badminton tournament sponsored by PLDT and INQUIRER. After that, we will focus on planning a fun reunion.

While the kids' fashion show was going on, with soundtrack arranged by creative director **Ariel Lozada** and the stage set up by super-generous director **Robbie Carmona** of Saga Events (all for free!), the silent art auction was being supervised by Max's Chicken owner **Carlyn Salud.** Renowned artists like **Ben-Cab, Gus Albor, Ivan Acuna, Doltz Pilar, Clarence Eduarte, Jack Salud, J Palencia** and **Bien Benitez** charitably donated magnificent artworks. Glass sculptor **Ramon Orlina** also had two striking pieces for auction.

Entertainment

For entertainment, our sultry, singing batch mate, **Christine Carlos**, performed a few **Michael Bublé** (catch him live this Oct. 12 at the Araneta Coliseum) songs, ending with a birthday song, while my hubby **Dennis** and son **Tyrone** brought onstage a sea-inspired, three-tiered cake sponsored by Hearts and Bells. In between arranging the fun, colorful outfits for my little **Annika** and her cousins, talented designer/performer **Kate Torralba** played keyboards as she soulfully sang a number.

Wonderful things do come in small packages. Throughout this affair, I was truly touched by numerous, kind-hearted friends. Even suppliers gave considerable discounts—caterers like **Josie Abesamis** of VS&F (tel. 9374989) who I only met at the Wedding Expo weeks before the party. Her lasagna and *buko pandan* are delicious. They normally do weddings and debuts, complete with yummy chocolate fountains, but she was gracious enough to cater my birthday party, and at a discounted rate! Shakey's and Holy Kettle Corn also donated food, all adding to the merry mix that day.

Events-and-wedding coordinator **Bangs Zaldivar** (tel. 0922-3003174) helped put order to the chaotic 88 kids and teen models who participated. Based on some of the feedback, the fashion show was "not too disorganized." I guess parents don't complain when it is their own kids onstage. Bangs also organizes wedding expos, like the one today called Wedding Works, the Bridal Fair, at Expo Exchange Level 2 at Greenbelt 1. Do check it out for new designs and style inspiration.

Charity does wonders to people. I am glad to be an avenue for some to share hope and help uplift the lives of many. As they say, for those who are blessed, more is expected. Touch someone's life today and more blessings will be returned tomorrow.

E-mail me at seaprincess@inquirer.com.ph.

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Flamenco troupe in Manila

FROM NEW YORK TO TOKYO, FLAMENCO aficionados are flocking to theaters and dance studios to learn this traditional Spanish dance.

It is not surprising then that the first tickets sold for Sara Baras in the Philippines were not from Manila but from the US through the Internet. Americans are even willing to travel across the world to witness this enthralling dance.

Locals or foreigners, nobody would want to miss out when Compañía Flamenca de Sara Baras, awarded the distinction of Best Spanish Flamenco Company in 2003, comes to Manila to premiere Sueños in the Philippines. Their performance is slated for Oct. 11, 8 p.m. at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Main Theater.

The group's leader, Sara Baras, is considered the best female flamenco dancer in the world today.

Their brand of flamenco has been enhanced by influences from other musical genres such as jazz, salsa and bossa nova.

Sara Baras is organized by Instituto Cervantes as part of the month-long Fiesta 2005 Spanish Festival for Culture and the Arts. The last available tickets for Sueños are available at major National Book Store branches, Robinsons Department Store (Ermita and Galleria), Tower Records (Makati and Alabang), Music Museum (Virra Mall), Greenbelt 1 and 3 ticket booths and Glorietta 1 and 4 ticket booths.

Call 8915610.

FLAMENCO dancer Sara Baras

Bazaar promises great bargains

THE JOINT NOEL DISCOVERY BAZAAR AND Christmas Shop Expo will run at the World Trade Center on Nov. 25-27 and Dec. 21-23.

The Noel Bazaar will benefit the GMA Kapuso Foundation, Bantayog ng mga Bayani Foundation and Associate Missionaries of Assumption.

For booking and inquiries, call Cut Events and Exhibition Managers at 6870654 or 6872955, or e-mail cut@pacific.net.ph

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8 Theater curtain
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16 Jedi master
17 Weaving frame
19 Iran's largest city
21 Paula Zahn's channel
22 Grub broken into thick pieces?
24 Guitarist Atkins as a soldier?
26 Old card game
27 Common hospital name
29 Curtis of cosmetics
30 No-frills necklace?
33 Orderly
36 Wise to
37 Feedbag flake
38 Tire trapper
39 Cutoffs soiled by a dirty blackboard eraser?
43 Lazy
46 Prompted on stage
47 "It — laugh!"
48 "— -haw!"
49 Siblings who are the most eligible bachelors?
53 Pep rally yell
55 Hair dye
56 Wipe
57 Vegetable with spears and tips
62 Took a stab at
64 Numerous
67 "Better to have loved — ..."
68 Meander
71 Holy person enjoyed some gum?
74 Enemies
75 Opens, as a letter
77 Daredevil Knievel
78 Somebody — problem
80 Arguing noisily
82 Kilmer of Hollywood
83 Duck to avoid
87 Pro — (for now)
88 Miserly cowboys?
93 Dada painter Jean
96 Small cut
98 "Science Guy" Bill's family
99 Shoelace receiver
100 Woo President Arthur?
103 Veggie that rolls
105 Simple shirt
106 Bar on a car
107 "Got it now"
108 Perches for pushovers?
112 Less ruffled
115 Maker of colored markers
117 Was ill with
118 Well-hidden car engine part?
121 Discussion about seasoning leaves?
125 Years in Brazil
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127 Cabbagelike vegetable
128 Victor's cry
129 Congress mem.
130 Run-down
131 Chinese food additive
132 Letter-shaped bolt holder

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4 Vietnam's capital
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85 Wave to
86 "Ginger Pye" author Eleanor
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90 Thumbs-up vote
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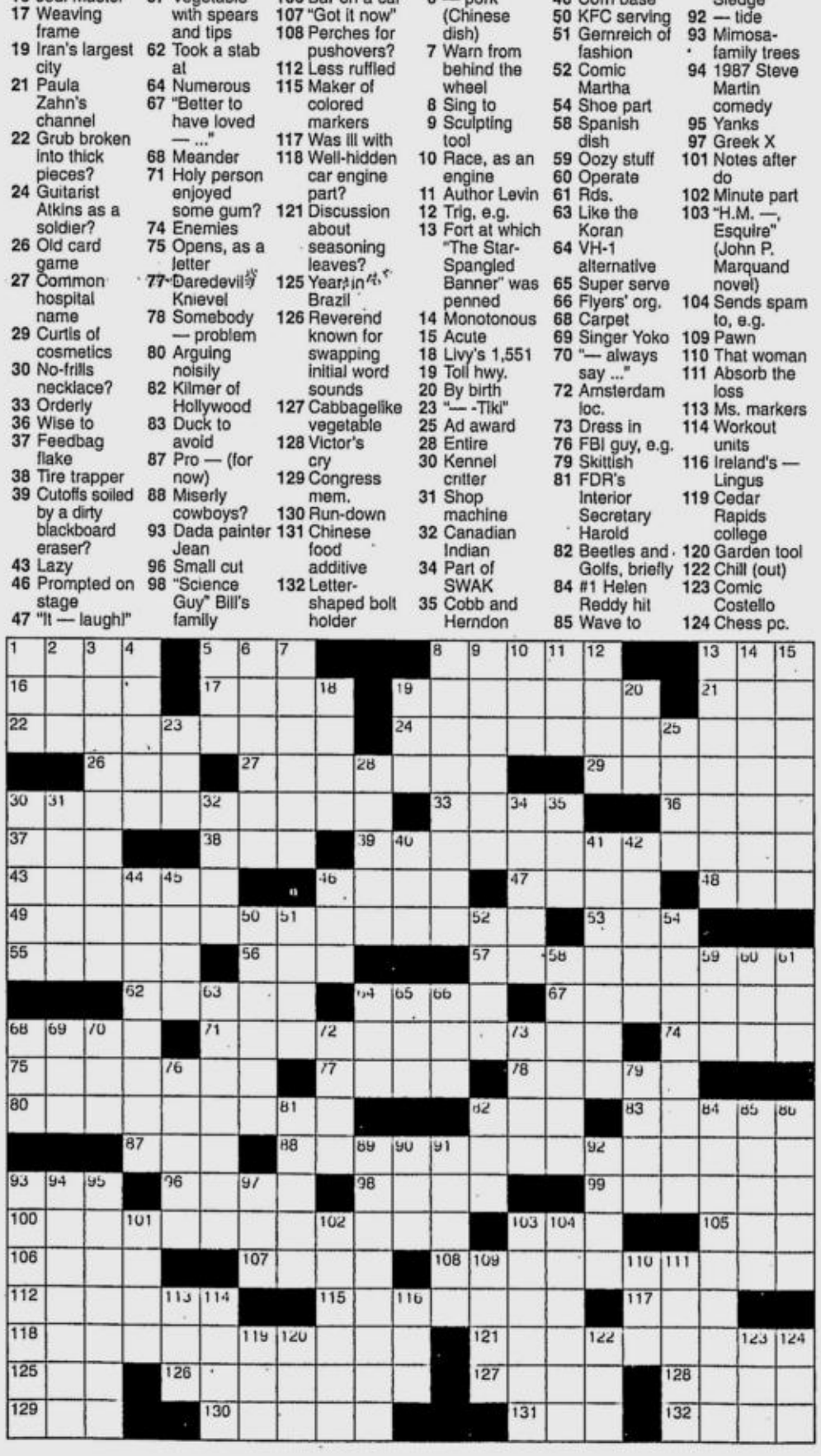

Dancing with the free spirits

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boxes of tacos. We waited. Agnes phoned. She was not at the supermarket, she had decided to go to work. Terrible! Was no one coming? Where were the two guys that Riza had invited?

Why had I come? I longed to go home and finish my unfinished painting. I stared at my hands. I stared at my shoes. It was past 12. I told Lyvia I was dying to paint. Lyvia hunted up Agnes' son, Miguel, borrowed his crayons, and procured some brown paper from the kitchen. "There, draw!" she ordered. If you ask, the universe provides. Even playmates. Two guys appeared at the door, one of them a young American painter named Sacha, the other, our friend Vics who is also an artist. Vics, it turned out, had been told to come by Riza, but Riza wasn't around.

The four of us fell upon the paper and became ardently involved with art. It was lovely with all that soul music. We drew chakras, the earth, the moon, the planets. Intently, Sacha drew a sea dragon trapped in a cave full of sea anemones. He was good. But at 1 p.m. he stood up to leave because he had an appointment in Makati and the body movement dance session had not even begun. Vics drove Sacha to the subdivision gate.

Vics never came back. Riza arrived without a potluck lunch. It was two o'clock. "Where's everybody?" asked Riza brightly. She had just come from her dentist.

Lyvia and Riza and I ate the potlucks and the *adobo* that Agnes had left behind. Agnes called to say she was tied up at the office, she'd just meet us in Pansol. For real?? We still hadn't danced a step. I said, "I'm going home." Lyvia said, "Stay! Your exercise for today is non-doing" (excruciating). There were so many nice things I could do at home, and here I was, sunk in a soft sofa, staring at Agnes' dog.

Eventually, our British friend Gillie arrived in a taxi. She brought out one big flat African drum, two stand-up tom-toms and *tabla* drums. She brought bells and rattles and her CD collection of earth music. She brought a box of incense sticks and a 24-hour candle. She brought a basketful of healing crystals. She brought two sarongs, a bathing suit and a mandarin jacket. Her picnic basket contained two bottles of South African wine, a block of paté, herb cheese, blue cheese, gouda and camembert; sliced cucumbers, quail eggs and cherry tomatoes; baguettes, potato chips and a tuna dip. "Where's the kitchen sink?" I asked. "Spiritual baggage, sorry," Gillie smiled. "It's my birthday so I brought all my toys."

We danced a cleansing-the-chakras dance, pounding our heels hard on the floor. All my chakras rattled. The earth music was terrific.

Finally, the four of us piled up in the car—including all the drums, the sarongs and the tuna dip. The big picnic basket blocked our view. Agnes' son Miguel jumped in at the last meeting and sat on Lyvia's lap. He had skipped lunch and Gillie gave him potato chips and Perrier. At the last minute, Riza decided to go home and got off at the corner. We lost our way to Pansol but found it again. The driver was in a foul mood.

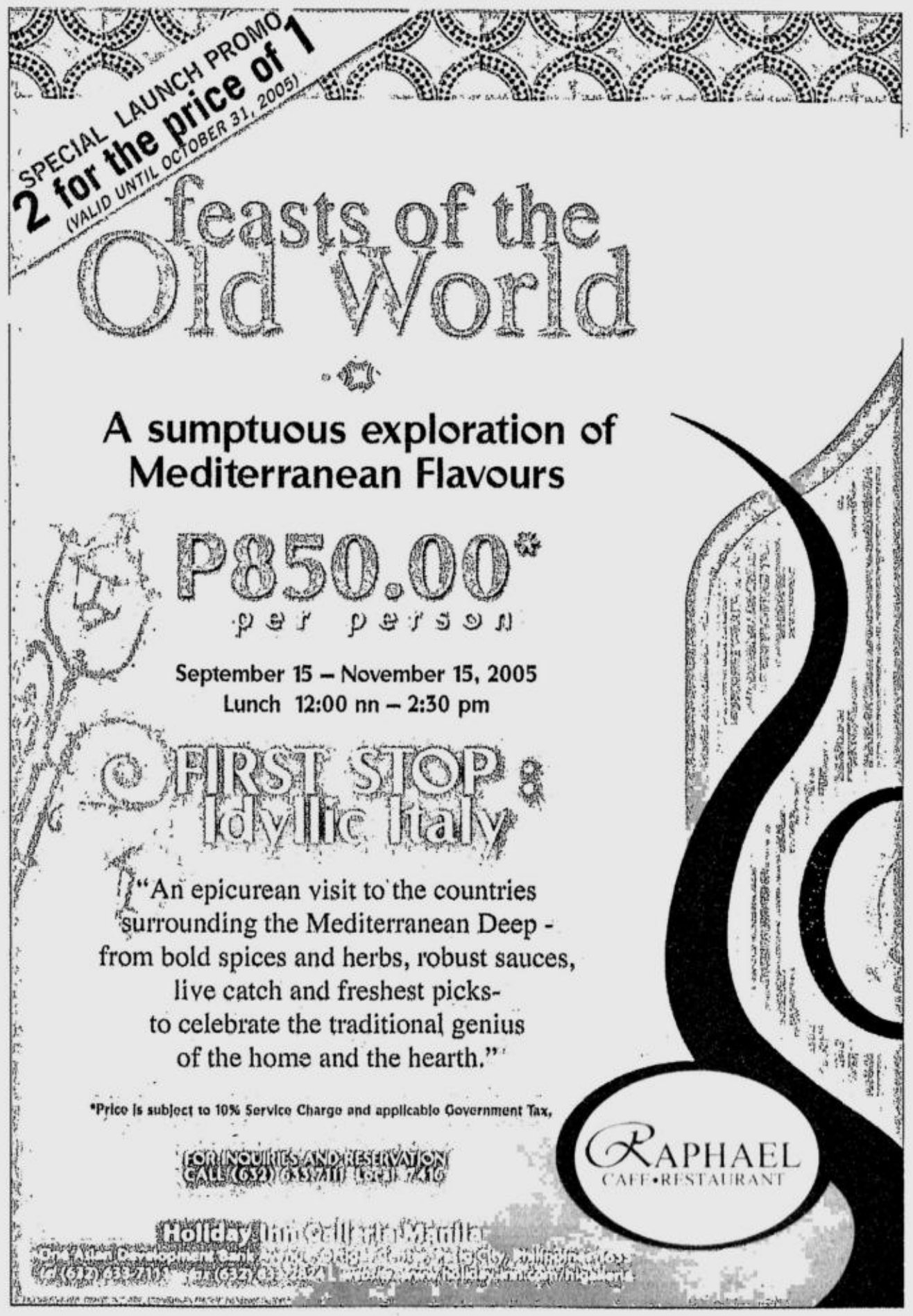
We finally found Agnes' vacation house. There was nobody around but the door was unlocked. We just walked in. It was a nice house with a tiled floor, all in a benign neglect. The last time Agnes had slept there was three years ago.

Something was wrong with the pump. The pool didn't have hot water. We couldn't find a can opener. Gillie and Lyvia put a piece of plywood on two chairs facing each other for a table and spread a sarong over it.

Eventually Agnes arrived dressed in a tan corporate suit. She went into the bathroom and emerged in loose batik trousers. She began to dance. Gillie lit the candle and incense. We swayed and we swirled. The knives and the forks and the glasses were found. The driver repaired the table and punched in the cork of the wine. The pool filled with deliciously hot sulfurous spring water from the neighbor's hose.

We toasted and drank. We ate the cheese, the cucumber, the tacos, dancing and playing the drums. Soul music reverberated throughout the house. Gillie's party was finally underway. One by one we slipped into the pool, floating face up to have a moon bath. We healed Gillie's kidneys. We massaged her etheric. We danced in the warm water, calling on Gabriel, the angel of water. We danced with our arms linked, dipping in and out of the water. We danced with our foreheads touching. We danced with the fireflies. We floated and floated.

Everything had come into place, as Lyvia says, as it always does when you do not try to control, if you just wait.



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Celebrating style and events management

TWO OF THE COUNTRY'S TOP purveyors of fashion—The Fashion and Design Council of the Philippines (FDCP) and Saga Events—present "Philippine Fashion Trends '06," a gala fashion show to celebrate 10 years of fashion and events innovation.

This twin celebration will be held on Oct. 11, 6 p.m., at the Edsa Shangri-La Isla Ballroom. It will unveil the Spring-Summer fashion forecast 2006 of the FDCP, crafted from a range of fabrics in prêt-a-porter and couture with looks inspired by the '60s, Military-Nautical, and Russian peasant vogue.

It will also feature the hottest styles in hair fashion, as presented by Tigi Catwalk, through the interpretation of Manila's top hairdressers. Canon Digital Ixus, a stylish digital fashion and performance accessory, will provide sophistication and vivid colors to the collection.

For its part, René Barbier will indulge guests with its premium and unparalleled wines all throughout the celebration. Jewel pieces by Jul B. Dizon Jewellery Salon will complement the fashion collection. Metro Magazine also joins the celebration as the official print media partner of the event.

The FDCP was formed in May 23, 1995, under the initial efforts of its chair, Josie Cruz-Natori. Its mission was to improve and promote the local design industry by implementing developmental activities in cooperation with government agencies and the private sector.

FDCP, through Citem, GTEB and Congep, has participated in various trade shows in Shanghai, Las Vegas, Hong Kong and Bangkok.

The council has also launched the FDCP Showroom, its brainchild and the first of its kind in the Philippines, where the latest creations of the members are on display for foreign and local buyers, the press, students, trend-seekers and design aficionados to examine and appreciate.

Saga Events + Models was launched in 1995, through the creative ingenuity of Robby Carmona as its founding leader, and the support of a group of young and talented artists: Lendro Enore, Dennis Torrepalma, Alma Rojales, Julie Ann Aguila and Bambi Hernandez.

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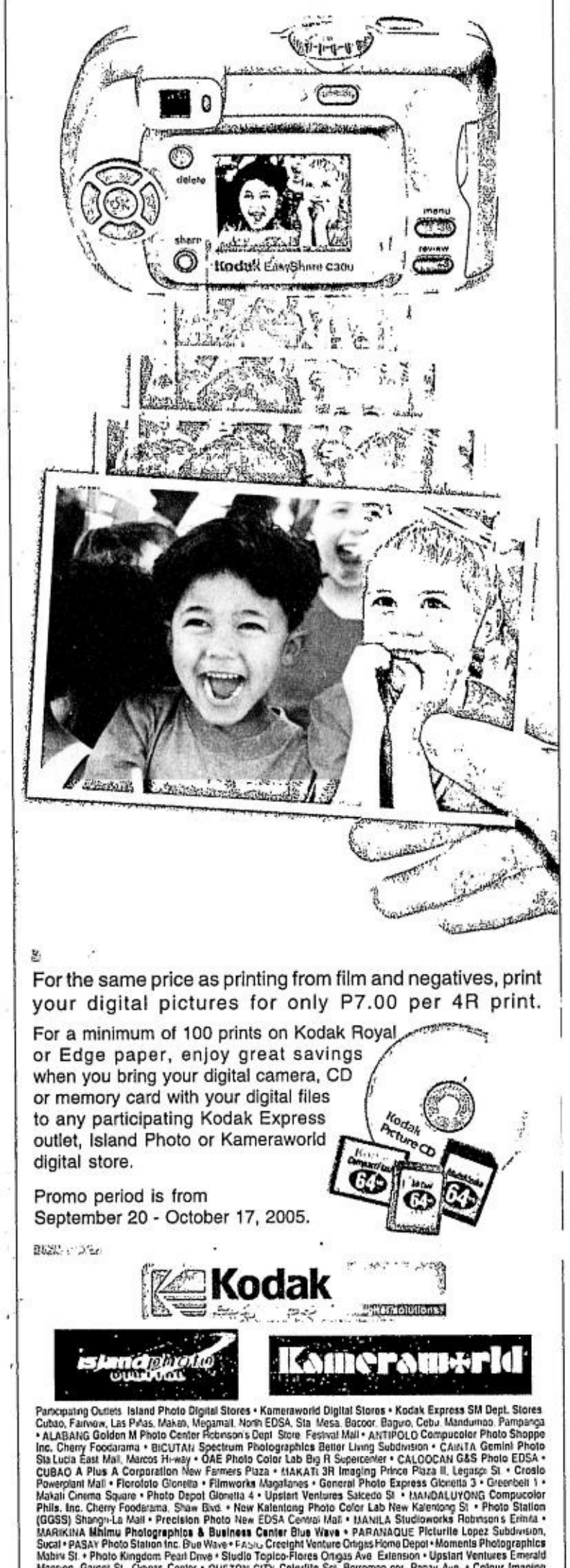

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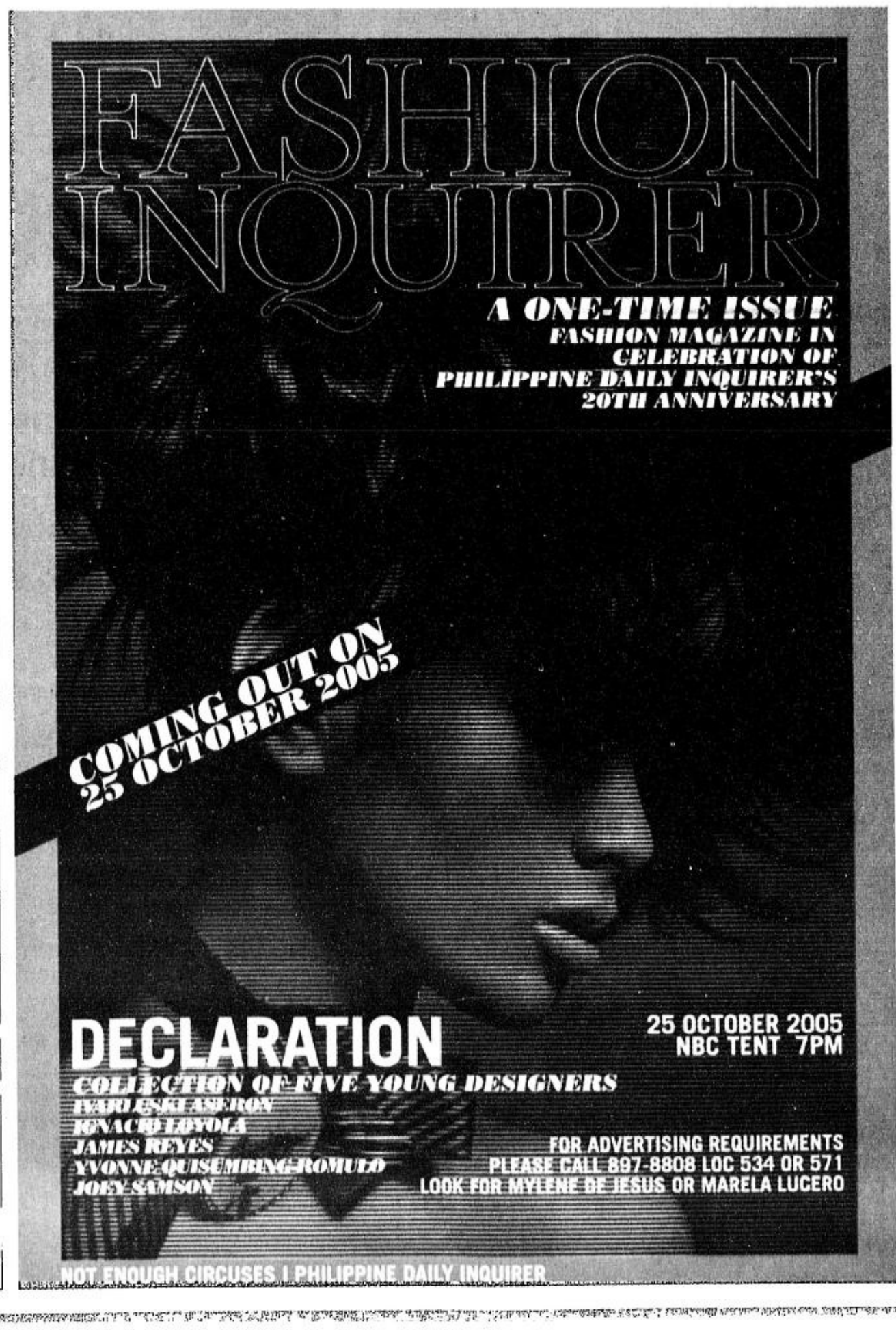

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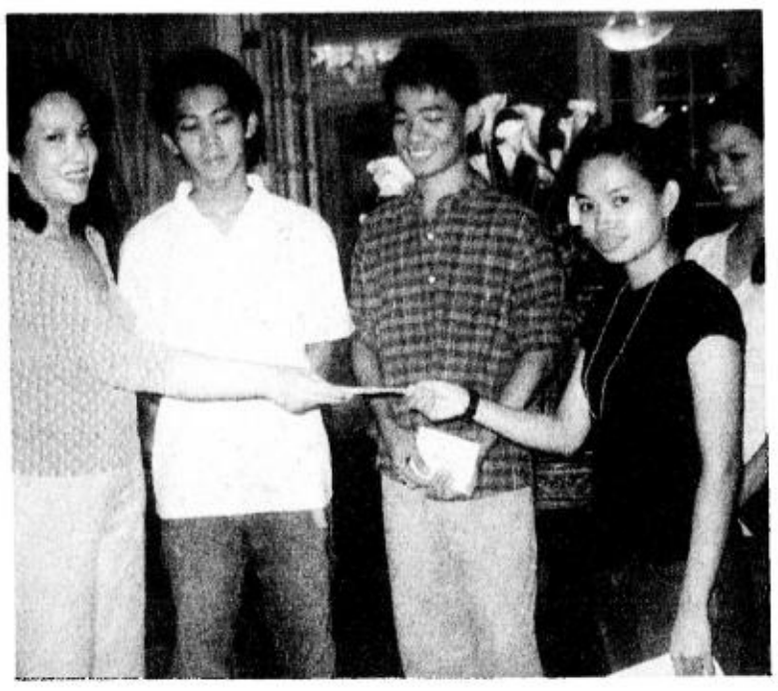

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Foundation gives scholarships on chair's birthday

IMELDA COJUANGCO, FOUNDing chair of the J. Moreno Foundation, marked her birthday recently by awarding scholarships to students of the University of the Philippines' College of Fine Arts and Medicine at the home of Congressman and Ms Rene Dragon.

Marvie Cojuangco Yulo, representing her mother, distributed the grants.

Guests included Nene Villanueva, Carol Garcia, Helen Ong, Ingrid Santamaria, May Neri, Crispy Laurel, Emily Lopez, Fortune Ledesma, Offie Recto, Sandy Poblador, Elena Fernando, Melvin Singson Hidalgo, Dr. Remedios Suntay, Gerry Contreras, Bobby Novenario, Johnny Valdes.

Father Mac from Ateneo officiated at the mass.

The award-winning University of the Philippines Singing Ambassadors, headed by UPSA founder and musical director Ed Manguiat, performed during the event.

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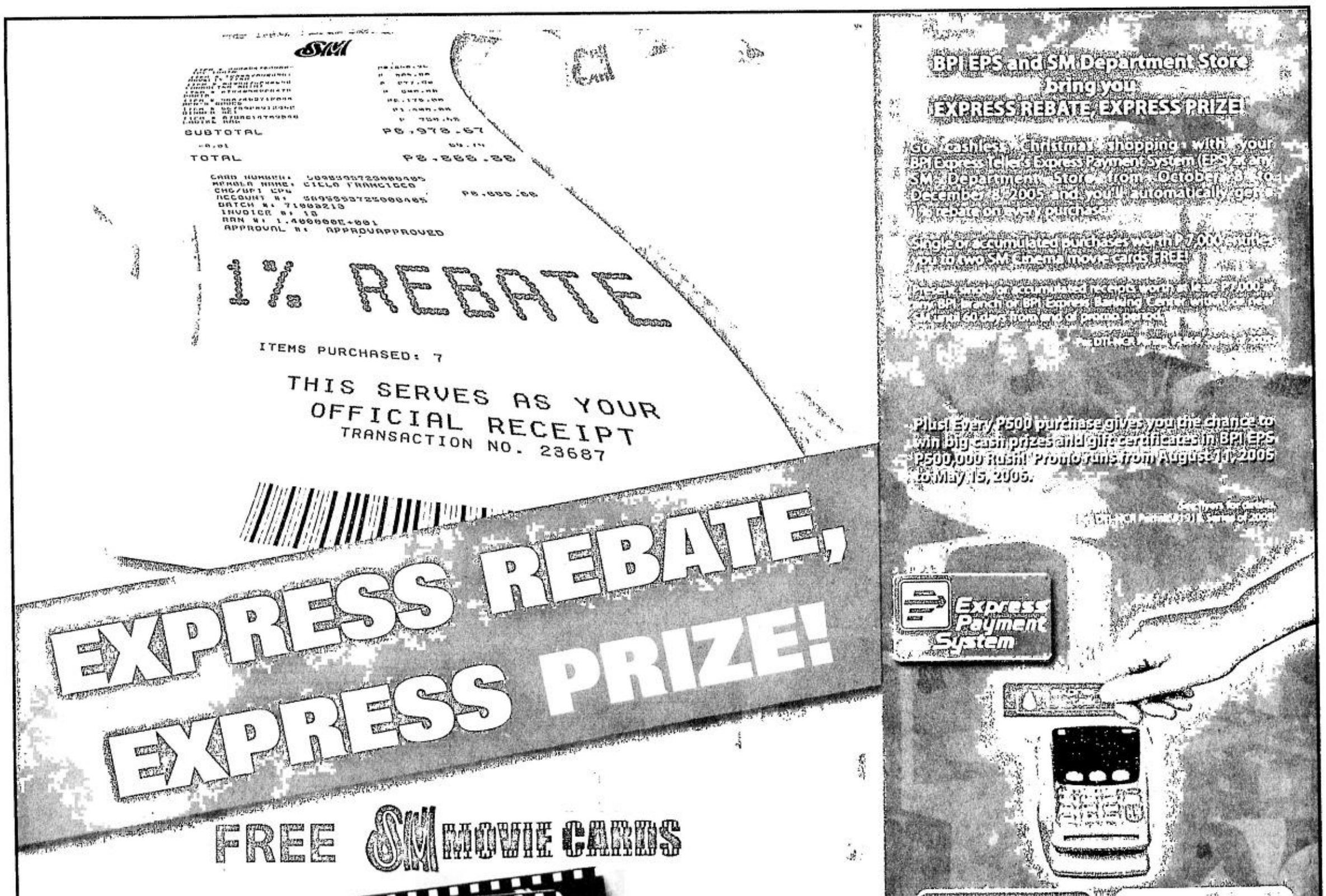

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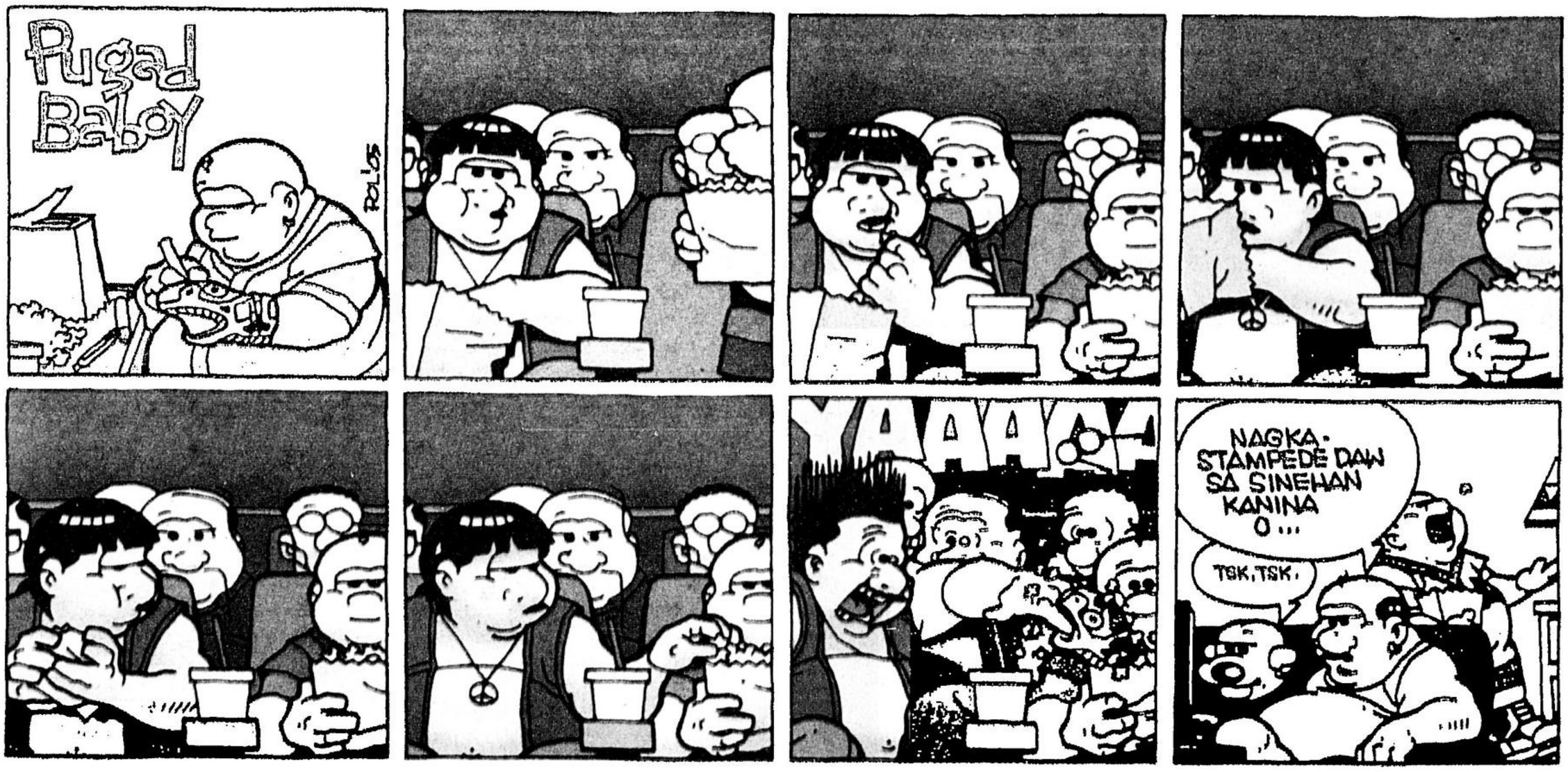

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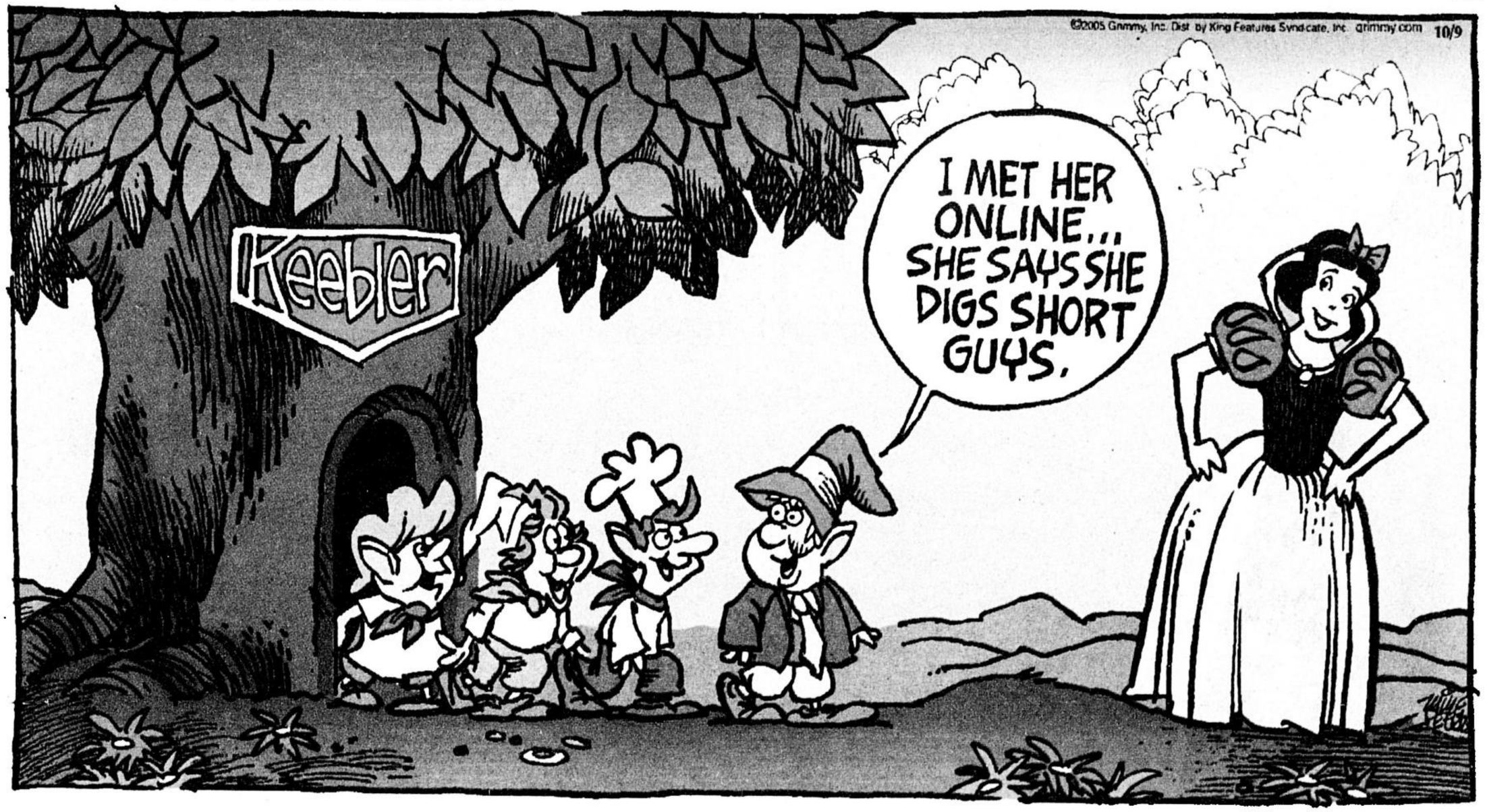

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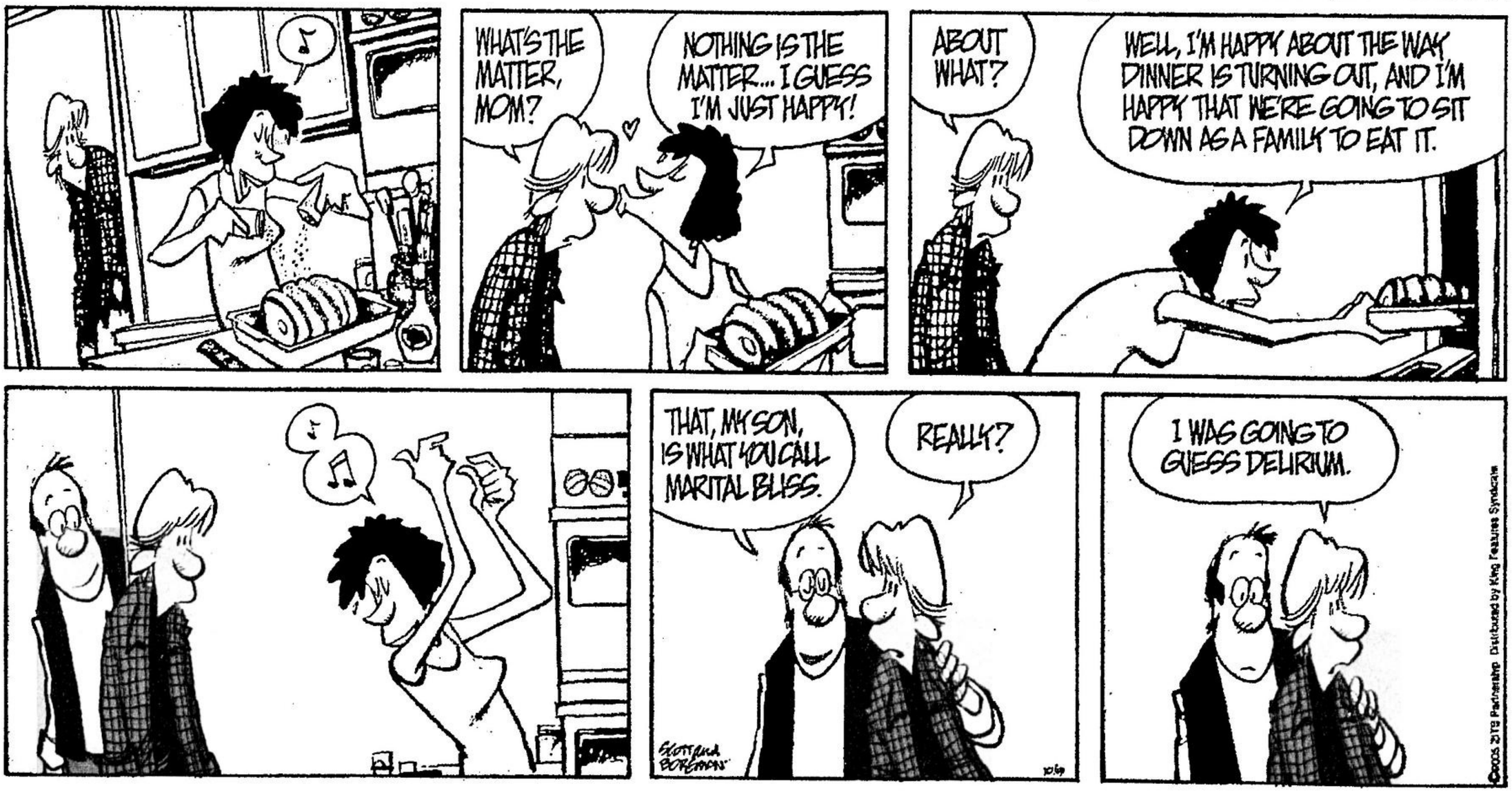

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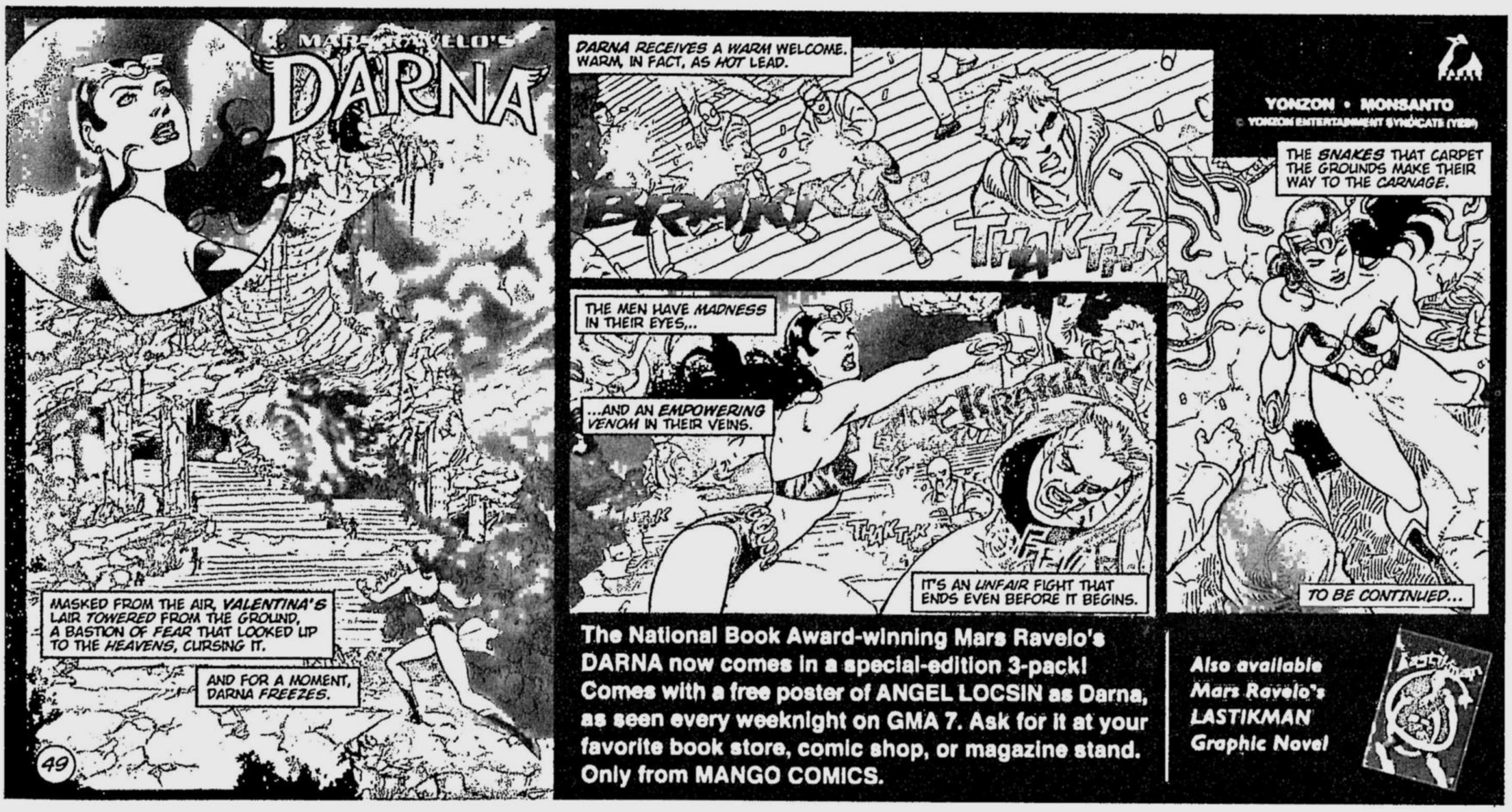

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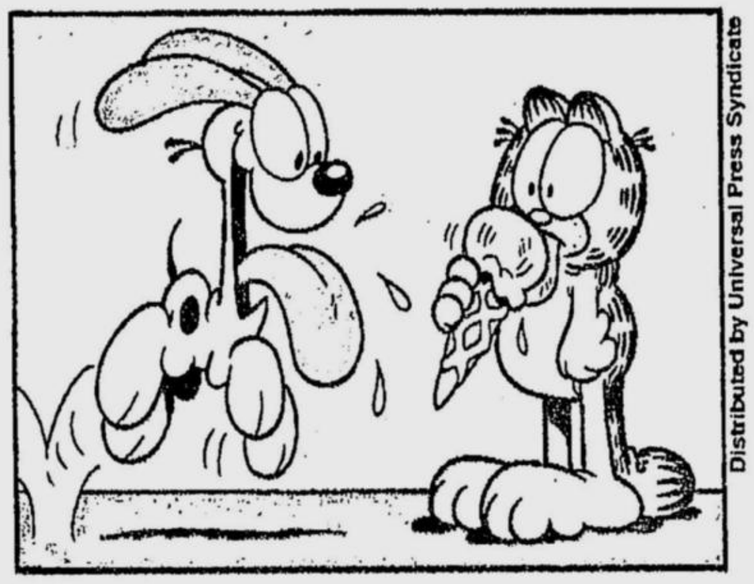

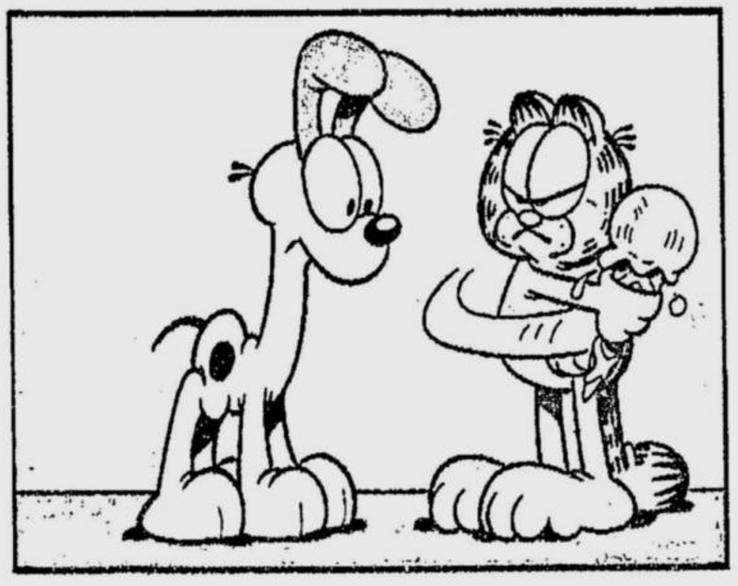

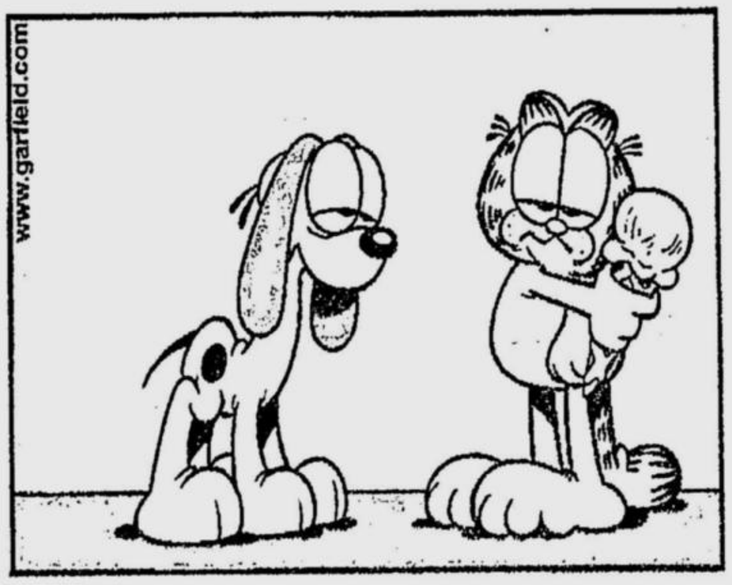

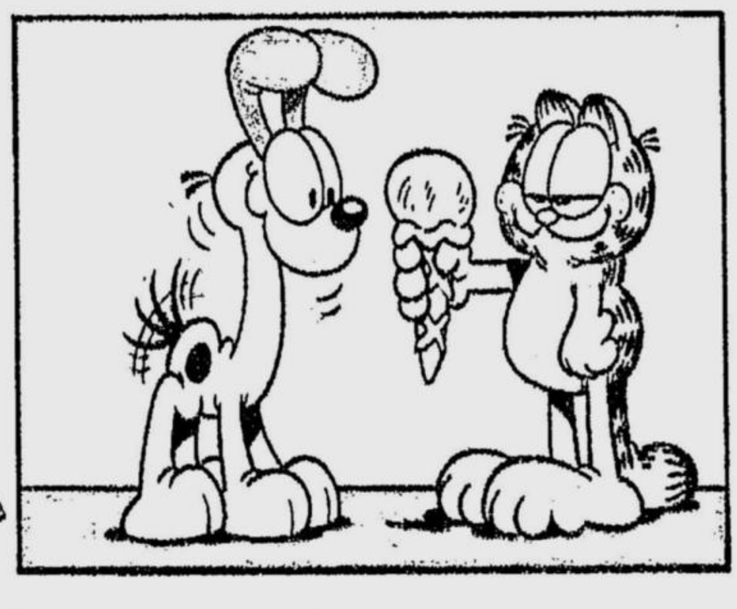

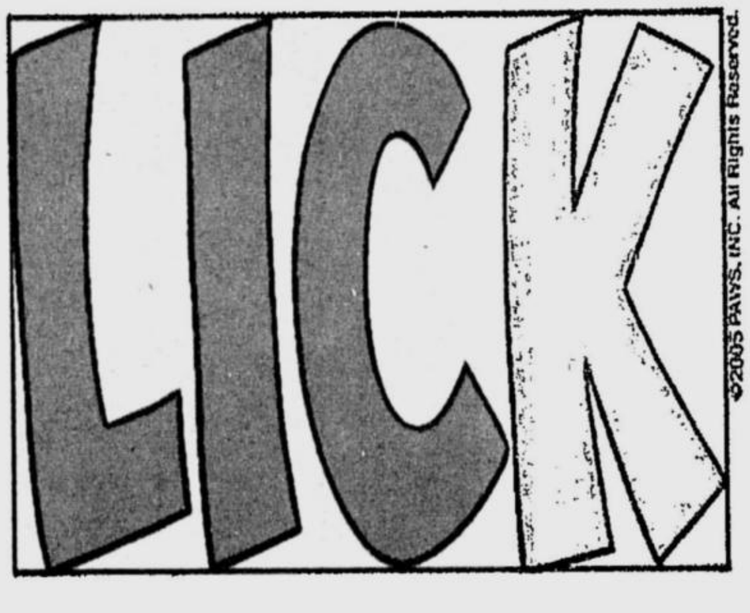

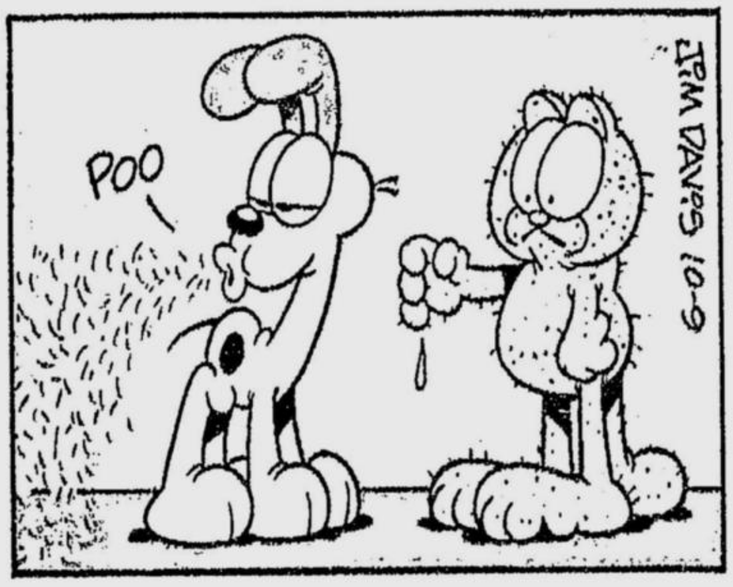

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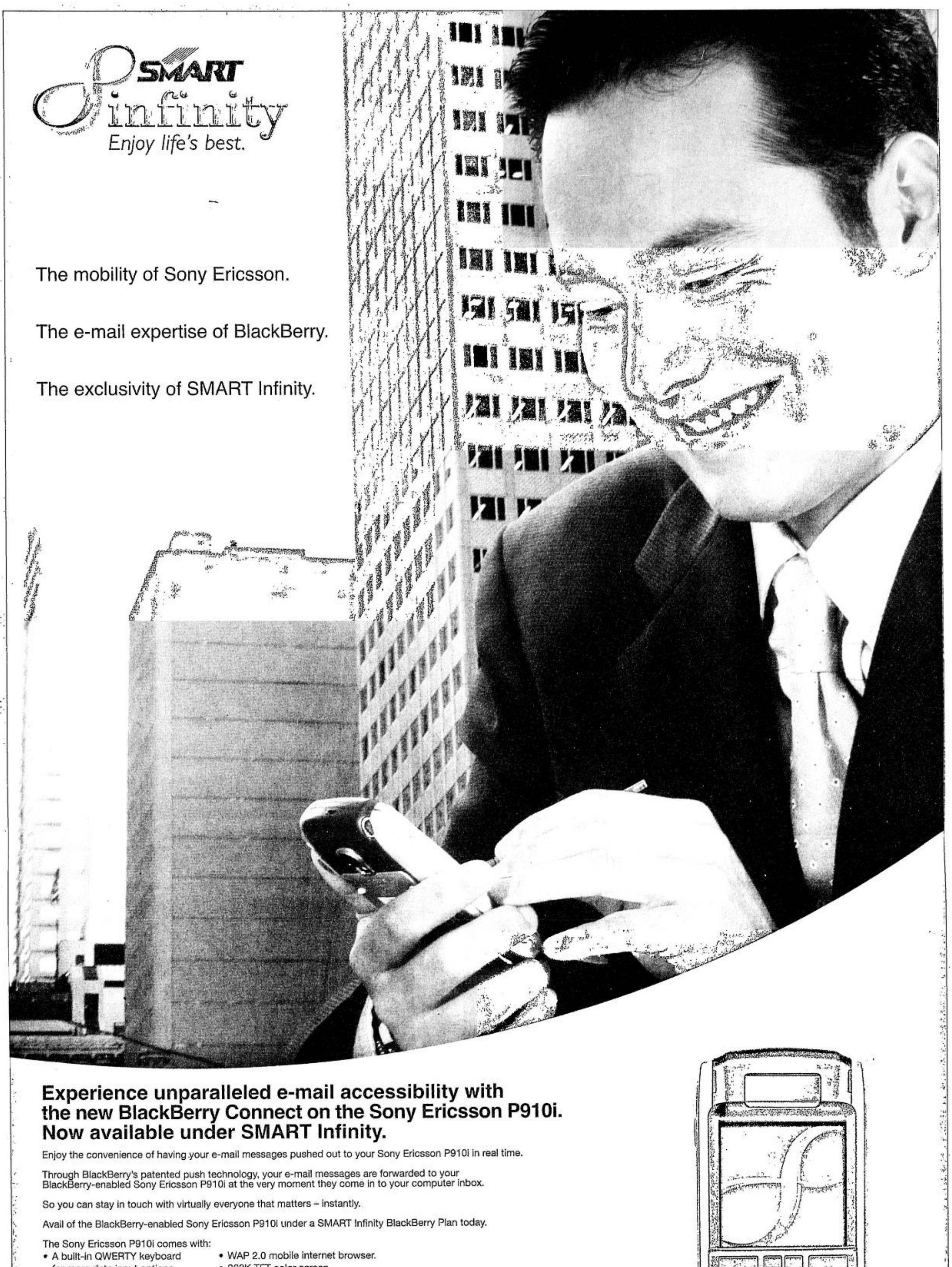

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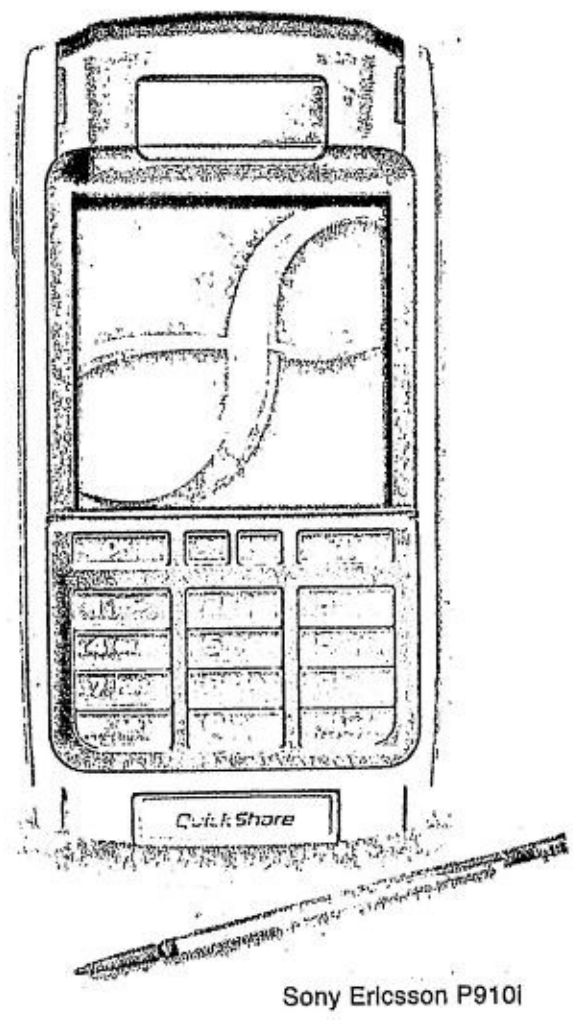

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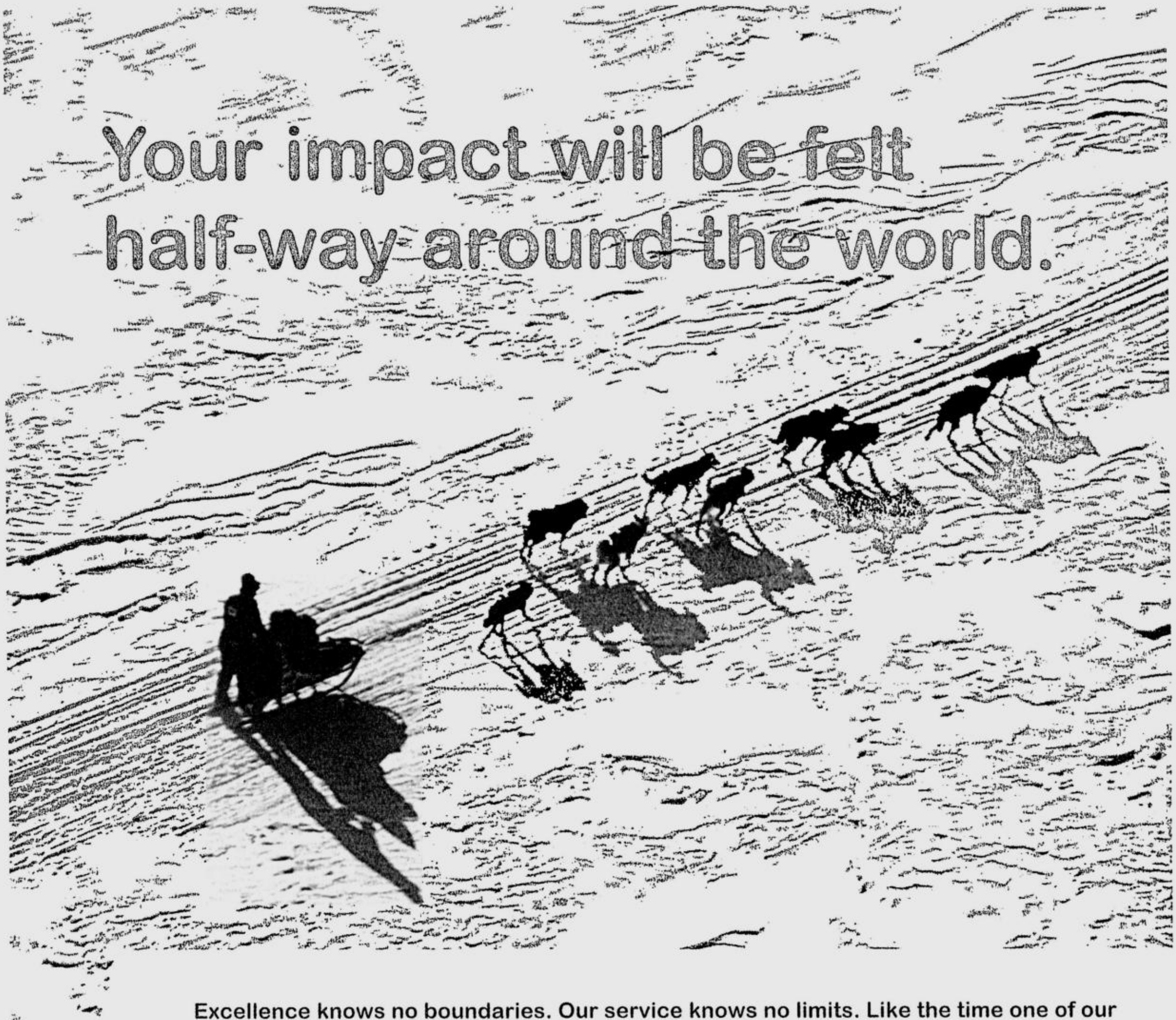

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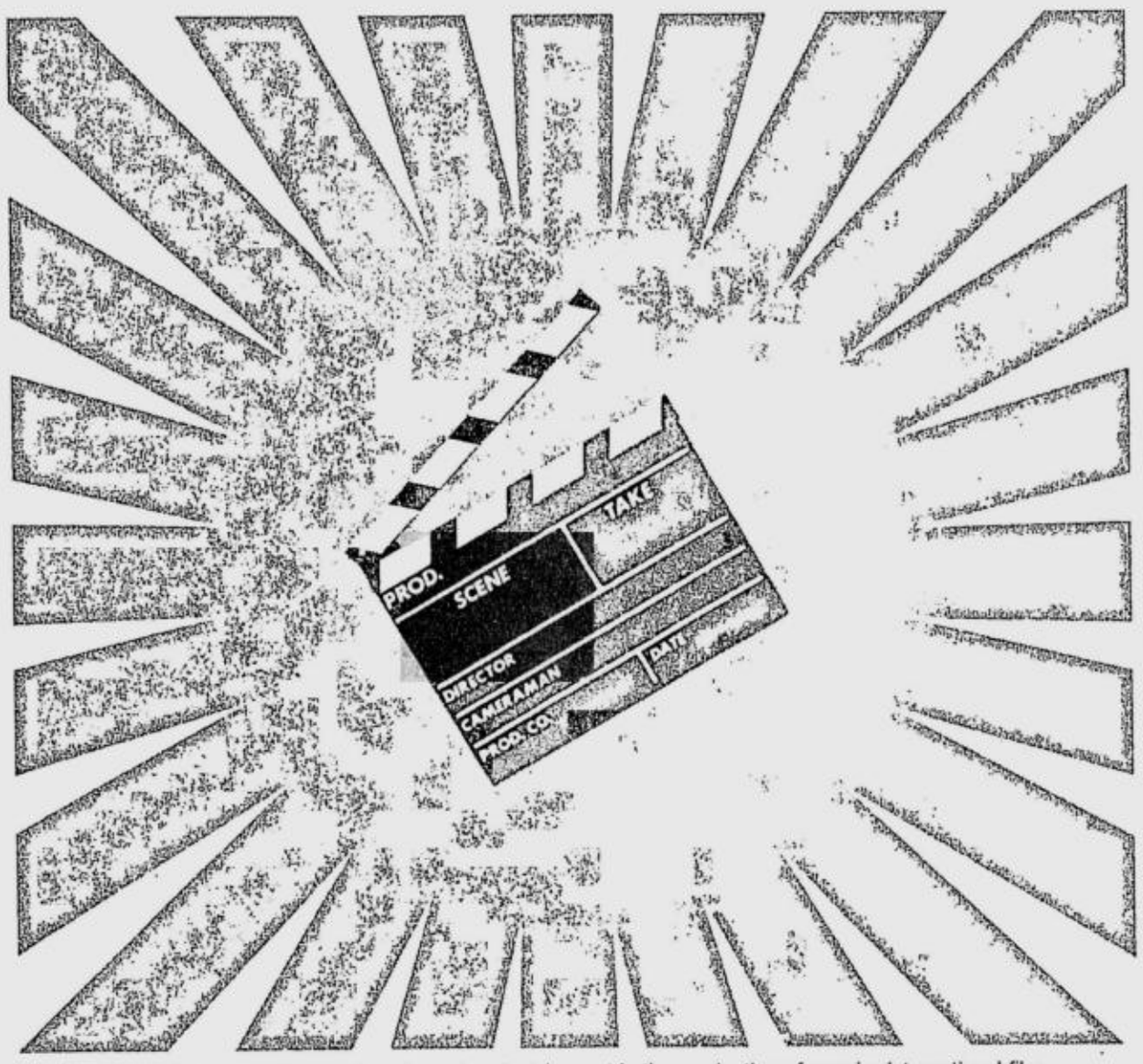

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- Excellent communication skills (Oral and Written)

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- Preferably 1-2 yrs experienced employees specializing in Product Marketing and Market Analysis
- Knowledgeable in MS Office Applications
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- Female, 22-27 years old, single or married
- Graduate of Accounting/ CPA
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- Must be adept in MS Office Applications
- Excellent communication skills (Oral and Written)

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Interested parties may send their comprehensive resumé and samples of recent work via mail/email/fax to the following:

Office of the Director General
Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
East Service Road, South Superhighway
Taguig City
Email: boboysyjuco@tesda.gov.ph
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Preferably single, hard-working and responsible

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- Strong analytical, written and oral English communication skills
- Willingness to travel up to 50 percent of time
- Knowledge of Bahasa will be an advantage

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- With pleasing personality

COPYWRITERS Code: (CW)
- College graduates
- Male/Female, 22-30 yrs. old
- Strictly with experience in copywriting and scriptwriting for advertising-related projects
- Can work under pressure

FINANCE STAFF Code: (FS)
- Graduates of Accountancy or other Finance-related courses
- Female, 21-30 yrs. old
- Flexible
- With experience in finance management

HUMAN RESOURCES ASSISTANTS Code: (HRA)
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- With experience in recruitment, placement, training and development
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ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANTS Code: (AA)
- Graduates of Office Management and other related courses
- Female, 22-28 yrs. old
- With excellent clerical skills
- Computer literate

PROJECT SUPERVISORS Code: (PS)
- Graduates of Marketing, Mass Communication, Communication Arts and other related courses
- Male/Female, 20-30 yrs. old
- With supervisory experience in project, event, and promo management
- Can handle pressure

SPECIAL PROJECT COORDINATORS Code: (SPC)
- Graduates of Marketing, Mass Communication, Communication Arts and other related courses
- Male/Female, 20-28 yrs. old
- Can handle pressure
- With experience in project management, event management, promo management and production-related projects

CUSTOMER RELATIONS COORDINATORS Code: (CRC)
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MEDICAL REPRESENTATIVES Code: (MR)
- College graduates, preferably with medically allied degrees who will be trained for professional detailing
- Male / Female, 20-30 yrs. old
- With excellent communication skills
- Willing to be assigned within Metro Manila or provincial areas

NURSES Code: (N)
- Registered nurses or Nursing graduates who will be trained for consumer education programs
- Female, 20-28 yrs. old
- With excellent communication skills
- Flexible, with pleasing personality

PROGRAM FACILITATORS Code: (PF)
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- Can handle pressure
- With experience in group facilitation for special projects or activations
- With excellent communication skills

PRODUCT ENDORSERS Code: (PE)
- High-school graduates or college students
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- With excellent customer service skills
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REQUIREMENTS
Printed Resumé, 1 pc. 2x2 picture
Photocopy & Original of NBI Clearance (less than 1 year old),
Birth Certificate & Transcript of Records

Applicants may give resumé personally between 9AM – 5PM or send it to:
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EHA Building
Duty Free Fiestamall
Ninoy Aquino Ave., Parañaque City

PROJECT COORDINATOR — Job Code: PRC

He/she shall be responsible for over-all coordination with Client, Mechanical, Electrical, Plumbing/Fire Protection and Structural (MEPS) engineering consultants from conceptual to contract stages. He/she shall be in-charge of design review, quality control and timely submission of project deliverables of MEPS consultants.

- College degree in Mechanical or Electrical Engineering
- Professional registration required
- At least 7 years experience in high-rise design and construction documentation required
- Design-related computer literacy and proficiency required
- Willing to travel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

SENIOR ARCHITECT — Job Code: SEA

He/she shall be responsible for over-all conceptualization and design development of various project types. He/she shall ensure design quality control during conceptual design up to documentation.

- College degree in architecture
- Professional registration required
- At least 7 years experience in various project types
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Willing to travel
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

INTERIOR DESIGNER — Job Code: IND

He/she shall be responsible for over-all conceptualization and design development of various project types. He/she shall ensure design quality control during conceptual design up to documentation.

- College degree in interior design
- Professional registration required
- At least 5 years experience in hospitality retail, high-end residential and corporate projects
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required
- International exposure an advantage
- Willing to travel abroad
- Excellent written and verbal communication skills required

DESIGN OFFICER — Job Code: DEO

He/she shall be responsible for design development for various project types, i.e. architecture or interior design.

- College degree in architecture or interior design
- Freehand rendering capabilities an advantage
- Professional registration preferred
- At least 3 years experience in required
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required

CADD DESIGNER — Job Code: CAD

He/she shall be primarily responsible for generating working drawings.

- College degree in architecture
- At least 3 years experience in construction documentation for architecture (preferably high-rise) or interior design projects preferred
- Proficiency in AutoCAD 2004/2005 required
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3D GRAPHICS RENDERER — Job Code: GRA

He/she shall be responsible for production of multi-media presentation using 3D graphics and animation programs.

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- College graduate of BS Electrical Engineering
- At least 3 – 5 years experience in construction
- Proficiency in written and oral communication

DOCUMENT CONTROL STAFF — Job Code: DCS

He/she will be responsible for filing, storage and archiving of documents and will assist in the management and maintenance of reference materials.

- Must possess a college degree. Library Science or equivalent graduates are encouraged to apply.
- Minimum of 1 year experience in general/administrative work, preferably in handling large volumes of documents and files.
- Proficiency in MS Office applications.
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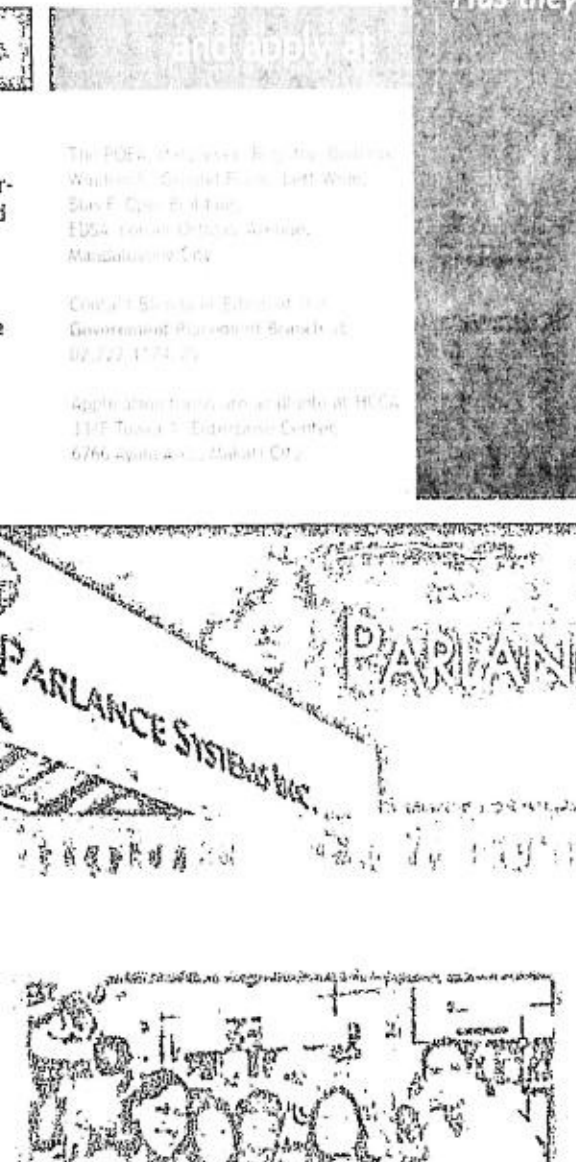

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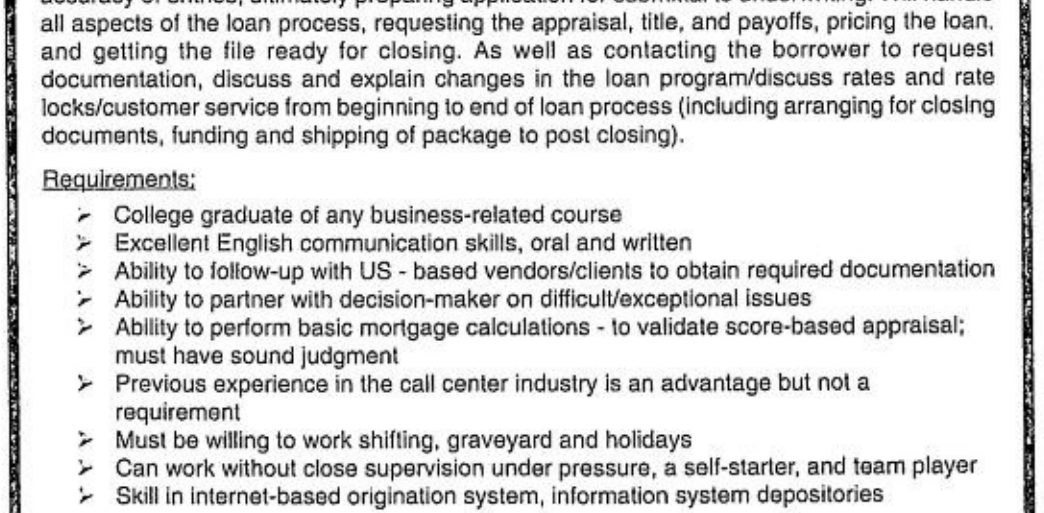

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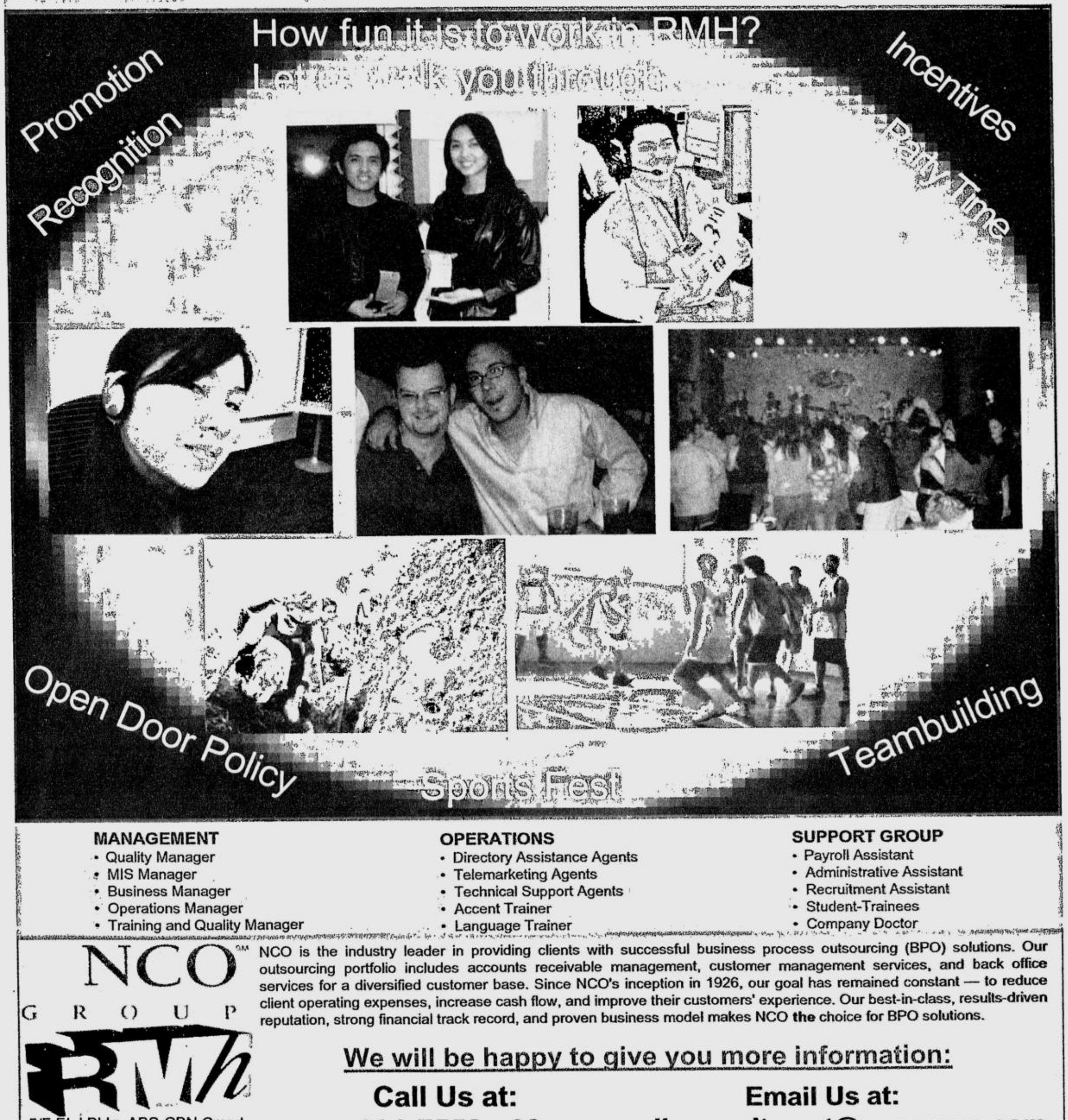

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Communicate effectively using enneagram

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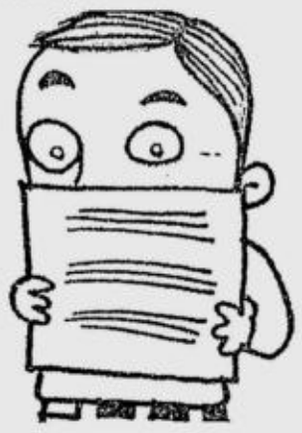
heightened self-image. Performers are often looked at as good teachers and organizers. You'll be in luck to follow them as your leaders because they look at problems as challenges and as not roadblocks.

However, be careful around threes because they are difficult to challenge. They may at times be overly hostile to people who question their ideas. Avoid approaching them in a confrontational manner. Sell them. Avoid flattery but do not hesitate to compliment on a job well done. "Talk about good image, be controlled in the talk and conversation," suggests Mullin.

Romantic/artist. The type fours add beauty and sensitivity into their world. They are sensitive, creative, refined, flexible, well-mannered and of course, aesthetic. "I conform to elite standards. I am sensitive," says the romantic. According to Mullin, they want to turn all their experiences into something beautiful. "They do things with flair and style and good taste is a watchword with them." Like typical poets, symbolism and metaphoric language best express their experiences. Envy and longing drives them; as a result, their wanting for what is missing often leads them away from enjoying what they already have.

Mullin says their potential blindspot is their being depressed and touchy. Therefore keep in mind that they have a tendency to be emotional and dependent. Sometimes it may seem like they are wallowing in their own special pain that no one else can understand. Exercise sensitivity around them. When talking to them, show good manners and good taste. "With high style and sensitivity, they are likely to be cultivated and refined in speech." Do not scoff at their dreams and visions of beauty. Respect the fact that they feel unique and special in that their thoughts and feelings are not shared by others.



Curious/Observer. Fives are the people who stand back and watch. With a sense of omniscience, they enjoy pondering the depths of a situation and can be depended on to make sense out of confusion. "They get quickly to the heart of the matter and attempt to see patterns and meanings in people's ideas and behaviors," claims Mullin. Perceptive, insightful, knowledgeable, intellectual and profound, they enjoy quiet moments alone but enjoy the company of those who are also on a quest for wisdom.

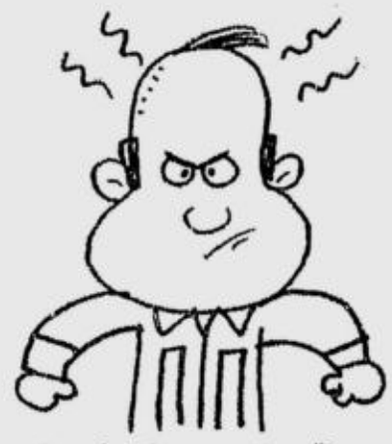
Do not be offended when they would rather be left alone. Respect their need for privacy. Try not to be too demanding or intrusive. Nourished by solitude, do not label them as eccentric or cranky. If they are being detached, understand that this is who they are and try not to take it personally. Be frank and upfront with them. According to Mullin, it is best to talk to them in short and cryptic responses. "Give a logical explanation to one or two fives at a time," adds Mullin.

Loyal skeptic. It seems that the sixes have lost faith in their world but redeem their unbelief with fierce loyalty. "They are faithful to family and friends and usually well-liked by them as they are seen as people who are honest and can be trusted," observes Mullin. Ironically, they do not trust people that much. Sometimes they see the world as dangerous and threatening. They, therefore, seek certainty by being vigilant and questioning.

Mullin adds that the loyal skeptics acknowledge authority figures and work best when under good leadership. For this reason, they might listen to you better if you talk with authority or confidence. Be careful though because they are not afraid to question authority. Try to go by the book and do not go beyond limits because sixes find security in rules. Mullin suggests using cautious language with boundaries around them. Their potential blindspots are their pride and self-righteousness; be careful that you do not step on their ego.

Practical/epicure. Always the optimist, the sevens resist pain by "turning life's misfortunes into the positive and finding the cheerful, enjoyable element in even the most dire situations." They try to find beauty and joy into everything and are therefore life-loving, pleasure-seeking, appreciative, exuberant, enthusiastic and adventurous. On the downside, they could also be pain-avoidant, self-serving and uncommitted.

Prepare to be entertained by this lucky number. They are humorous and playful. "Witty and entertaining, they have a fund of stories to brighten up what they are doing, either work or play, and are usually effective in getting people to cooperate," says Mullin. He advises to be as good-humored as possible around the epicures. Analogies and metaphors are helpful in dialogues with sevens. Also, be prepared to talk and talk and talk. Be patient with them; there are times when you will wish they would grow up. But don't be dismayed; sevens are very productive and result-oriented.



Leader/protector. "I am powerful. I can do," is the battle cry of the eights. Life for them is a battle and to survive, they believe they must be strong and powerful. Also known as prime-movers, they like to take control and take charge. "Self-confident and tough, they are convinced that they can overcome any obstacle that gets in their way," notes Mullin. As leaders, they welcome challenges and have a strong sense of honor and duty.

They may seem bossy and overbearing but do not get intimidated. These are symptoms of a great need to get to the roôt of the problem quickly and solve it promptly. Be direct when addressing them. According to Mullin, you may encourage conflict with the eights if you dare to confess or show weakness. "If you think they are wrong, tell them!" suggests Mullin. "Oh and tell them what they have to do."

Peacemakers/ mediators. You may feel safe around the nines because they are often uncomplicated, self-forgetting, comfortable, stable, unruffled, open, impartial and receptive. They shun confrontation, complication and division. "They neither try to impress nor condemn and often play down their own importance," adds Mullin.

On the outside, it appears that communicating with the peacemakers may not be a big problem because they tolerate stress and irritation and strive to hear both sides of the situation. However, nines are also guilty of seemingly listening but not hearing. Mullin suggests keeping your dialogue plain, simple and matter of fact. "Try to talk the same way as them and you will probably fall asleep," says Mullin. The only way you'll get in conflict with them is if you force them to commit to any position.

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'Shall I take early retirement and go into business?'

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Different mindset

If you want to cease becoming an employee, you have to prepare yourself to acquire a different mindset. The self-employed, the businessman, and the investor (as Kiyosaki classifies them) are a different cut from an employee. If you want to move over from being an employee to any of these three, you have to have a different set of attitudes and skills.

The first thing you will give up is your secure income. When you cease to be an employee and become self-employed, businessman or investor, you cannot expect a regular salary. Can you live with this? Of course, if you work harder, develop a good market for your products or services, develop a good business system, you can make more money than you were making as an employee. But you don't have a regular fixed income just the same.

When to go into business

All other things being equal, becoming a businessman or investor offers a greater promise of making more money. This can be easily explained. The businessman and investor make their money work for them. Employees work for the money.

So, when should one go into business? Simple—when one has the proper mindset, attitude and skills to run a business. Where does one start? In the mind—having the right mindset, getting the proper attitude, learning business skills, knowing what sells, etc.

In your letter, you have not mentioned any particular business you want. This tells me you might not be really ready to go into business. In reality, you cannot go into just any business. You have to find out which is appropriate for your passion, your inclination, your capabilities, your interests, your capital, and most other things personal to you.

Combination

Many people in your situation will likely think of combining being a regular employee and an investor. That will give you a regular income and still earn from being an investor. But, where do you get the money for investing?

You seem to be highly employable now. If you are really bent on taking the early retirement package, perhaps you should first find a sure new employer, then arrange with your present employer to allow you to take early retirement, get the money and find a suitable business or capital market to invest your money in.

This might sound so easy but in reality this takes some doing. Assuming that you succeed in getting a new job and getting the early retirement package, you will probably choose between running your own business while working with a new employer or simply investing your money where it will grow and give you passive income. The latter option seems more reasonable, as your employment might suffer if you manage your own business more full-time. But, the next question is where to invest.

When investing, it is best to get sound advice. It is not enough that you read Kiyosaki or Colayco or Gamboa. Look for investment advisers who have the experience in investing. Once you get the hang of it, you can take bolder steps. The bigger the risk you take, the higher the return on your investments. Start investing in nonspeculative ventures, but learn to take more calculated risks in investments that will give you real money as you go along.

Get sound advice

In this world, there are no guarantees. Even if you remain as an employee, you can never be assured that you will have a job beyond 30 days. An employee can be fired for just cause without pay. I have seen great performers lose their jobs when their companies closed shop. The only real security in employment is having the attitude and skills to be able to do a variety of jobs even as you move from one job, department or company to another.

No guarantees

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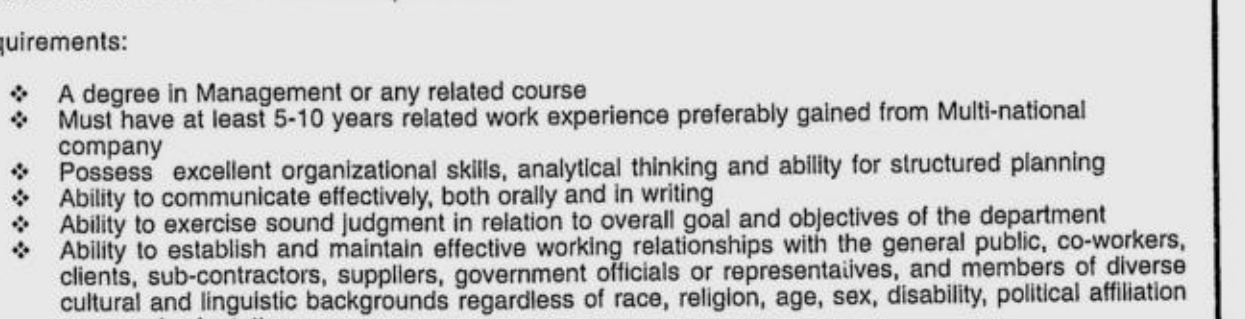

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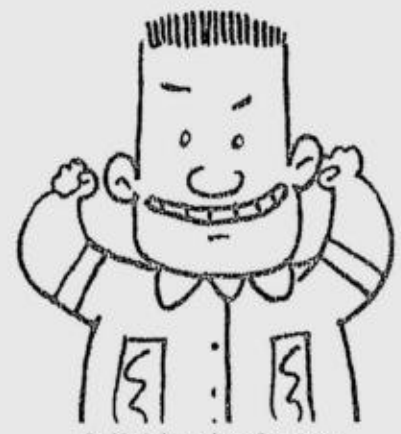

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IMAGINE A LOYAL SKEPTIC and a romantic in one room. Ms Romantic is idealistic, dramatic and always longing for that ultimate prize to gain fulfillment. Sir Skeptic, on the other hand, feels the need to protect himself from a world he couldn't trust. He has little use for dreams and has his feet planted firmly on the ground. Together in one room for a day, you will probably find Ms Romantic floating while Sir Skeptic is tightly holding on to her feet, pulling her back down. Chances are she'll be furious at him for getting in the way of her dreams while he will accuse her of being impractical and overly dramatic. Is there ever a chance of these two coexisting?

Co-existence

The personality system known as the enneagram believes that people of different personalities, even people at far opposite ends of the spectrum, could coexist harmoniously and even beneficially to each other. This is possible by understanding each other's personality and working around it and with it. According to John Mullin, an expert on employee development from the American Management Association, identifying the strengths and limitations of the different personality types will help one in communicating and handling interpersonal relationships.

The enneagram, fom the Greek words *emnea* (nine) and *gram* (figure), is a powerful personality system that describes nine distinct behavioral preferences or patterns of thinking, feeling and acting. "By undertaking the impact of these preferences, it is possible to further develop interpersonal behavior and avoid the stress of deepening negative effects," explains Mullin.

In his seminar held last September at the 32nd ARTDO International Management and HRD Conference, Mullin explains how one can use the personality system to help strategize ways of communication. He says, to communicate effectively with the different types, one must be able to "talk their talk." Listen to the perfectionist, the generous, the self-driven, the romantic, the curious, the loyal skeptic, the practical, the outspoken and the mediator and learn to talk their talk.

Perfectionist/reformer. Those who are meticulous, serious, orderly, thorough, objective and reasonable belong to type one in the enneagram. According to Mullin, ones are typical reformers who will strive to bring accuracy, efficiency and improvements. Those taunted as obsessive compulsives who will have a checklist for everything and will double check that checklist belong to this group. Ones could be great team leaders but they also tend to be critical, self-righteous and resentful.

To avoid conflict from their scrutiny and judgment, remember that they can be perfectionists and over critical. Because they are characterized by energy and robustness, be ready to always be on the go around them. Try to keep up with their sharp and edgy way of communicating. They enjoy talkative, funny and even satirical repartee. "A sermon might be something they like," says Mullin.

Helper/giver. The twos are typical helpers. They are so generous that they will neglect their own needs and instead, serve the needs of others. "They are generous and helpful, love unconditionally, and often seek nothing in return," says Mullin. "They are concerned with the material, psychological, emotional and spiritual well-being of others."

Because they are constantly striving to recognize other people's needs, communicating with them is not difficult. Twos enjoy soothing talk. Do not be afraid to speak around them because they try not to be judgmental nor do they bear grudges. Allow them to blabber on as they always want to help and give advice. And when they interrupt, do not be offended. They jump in simply because they are eager to be of assistance. Mullin says conflict may arise when you think they are being intrusive. Avoid conflict by being mindful that twos take pride in being helpful and being close to people.

Self-driven/performer. Threes are achievers. Goal-oriented and competitive, they constantly seek affirmation and unfortunately take badly to criticism especially if their heart and soul was in the task. Socially self-assured and often sparkling in confidence, money and social position are not as important to them as

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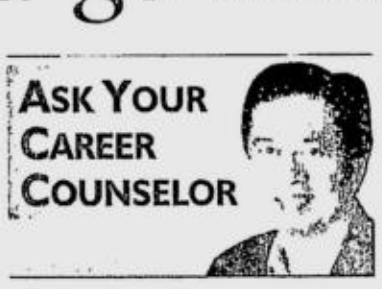
'Shall I take early retirement and go into business?'

By Ernie O. Cecilia, FPM



OUR COMPANY IS OFFERING a very attractive early retirement package. I know that I am not a "target" but I am tempted to take the offer voluntarily. This will open for me opportunities to go into business at an early age. I am turning 31 before the year ends and shall have rendered 10 years of service with the company.

The truth, however, is that I have no training or experience in running a business. All I know is that there is greater potential for me to make more money as a businessman than as an employee. Can you advise me whether to take early retirement or stay with the company? I don't think there will be another great offer like this one in the next several years and I don't want to miss out on this one.

Ambitious But Confused

You seem to have quite a wonderful dilemma—not a problem but an opportunity. If you are not a target for early retirement, perhaps your company finds you valuable and would rather keep you. If you stay, you are assured of a regular source of income. If you take the package, assuming you are allowed to, and you go into business, you open a new world of opportunities and risks for you.

This is common dilemma of young people who want to try going into business. Some want more money that full-time employment can't offer. Others have the passion for business. I am not sure which one you are. However, you talk about greater potential for you to "make more money as a businessman than as an employee" and admit that you "have no training or experience in running a business." I assume it's the lure of making more money.

Money everywhere

Let me start by saying there's money everywhere if you know how to find it. According to Robert Kiyo saki, you usually find it with your mind. You can make money whether you are an employee, a self-employed person, a businessman or an investor. In fact, you can be a combination of any or all of these.

Each type of moneymaking occupation requires a different set of attitudes and skills to succeed and make more money. If you can master what it takes to succeed in any of these, you can make a lot of money without wishing to be one or the other type.

Most of the people at work are employees because that is what they studied and trained for—to get employed. Our school system seems to have a strong bias for turning out graduates who will end up as employees. I took up Business Administration and ended up an employee, until I decided to be something else.

Successful employees

As I wrote in an earlier issue of this column, there is a simple secret to making big bucks as an employee. First, get employed by a company

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Deaths at work rise by 10%

GENEVA, SWITZERLAND—At least 2.2 million people die of work-related accidents and diseases around the world each year, the UN International Labor Organization said in a report to be released on Monday, adding that the estimate was 10 percent higher than in 2002.

In the wide-ranging report for release in advance of a conference on health and safety opening in the United States, the ILO said the true figures for killed and injured were certainly higher, due to poor data collection in many countries.

The number of work-related illnesses and deaths decreased slightly in industrialized nations but the number of accidents—particularly fatal ones—appears to be on the rise, notably in some Asian countries, the report said.

The trend, the ILO found, was due to "the rapid development and strong competitive pressures of globalization." "Occupational safety and health is vital to the dignity of work," said ILO Director-General Juan Somavia.

"Still everyday on average, some 5,000 or more women and men around the world lose their lives because of work-related accidents and illness. Decent work must be safe work, and we are a long way from achieving that goal," the director-general warned.

The report also confirmed that while work-related illnesses are the main problem in industrialized economies, accidents are more common in developing nations, where workers in sectors such as mining, construction and farming are particularly at risk.

Each year, dangerous substances kill around 440,000 workers, asbestos accounting for 100,000 of these deaths. Asbestos poisoning claims 3,500 lives in Britain each year, six times more than the number of deaths by accidents on the job.

Working-related deaths among men are largely due to accidents, lung diseases, cancer or asbestos poisoning.

Women, on the other hand, are more likely to suffer from work-related diseases such as malaria and bacterial infections as well as long-term musculo-skeletal disorders.

Workers between 15 and 24 years old tend to have more nonfatal accidents than their counterparts over 55 because of their lack of experience.

The report was to be released at the 17th World Congress on Safety and Health at Work in the US city of Orlando, Florida held recently.

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Choosing to love work

By Bishop Precioso D. Cantillas, SDB, DD

A FRIEND OF MINE WAS OFFERED ANOTHER JOB with a higher pay than what he was receiving. He refused the offer when he came to know that if he would take it, he would no longer have the chance to serve as a lay minister in the church community where he lives. It was difficult for him to decide not to take the job considering the growing financial needs of his family. But, "I am happy with my job, with my coworkers, and especially with the chance I have to serve the church and my community," he proudly shared with me.

He reminds me of the many workers I have met and who have had similar experience—making a choice on which job to take and deciding on one which would give them greater satisfaction than that which more money could provide.

I believe that there are many workers who desire and choose jobs, which pay the highest monetary compensation and material and social benefits; but I believe there are few compared to the former, who would choose the job, which would provide the satisfaction of all human needs including those which are religious, moral and spiritual—total human satisfaction. There may be few jobs and work situations, which could directly offer religious and spiritual satisfaction, you might say. But I think that in every job, everyone can decide and choose to get this greater kind of fulfillment.

One who decides and chooses to love his work and his coworkers and performs his tasks with all his heart also for love of God, will certainly experience a different kind of happiness. He will be among the "few" whom the God of love will choose. (*E-mail the author at* mfvg@skyinet.net)

Being a 'chosen one'

By Teresa R. Tunay, OCDS

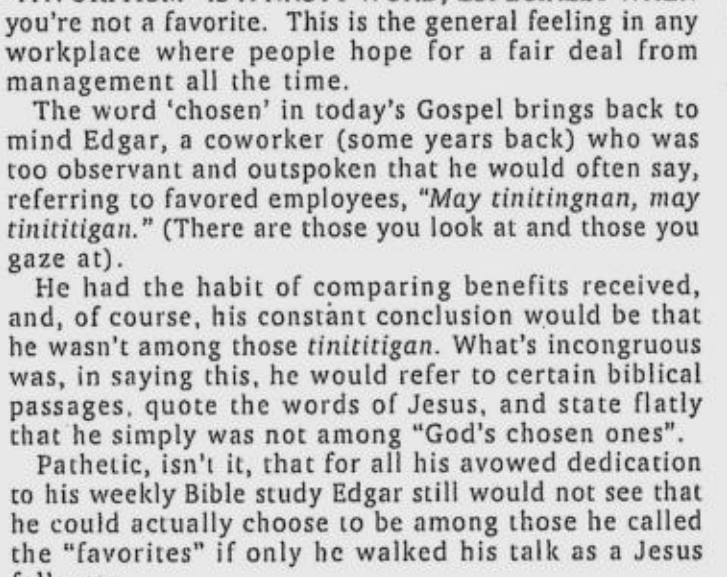
"FAVORITISM" IS A NASTY WORD, ESPECIALLY WHEN you're not a favorite. This is the general feeling in any workplace where people hope for a fair deal from management all the time.

The word 'chosen' in today's Gospel brings back to mind Edgar, a coworker (some years back) who was too observant and outspoken that he would often say, referring to favored employees, *"May tinitingnan, may tinititigan."* (There are those you look at and those you gaze at).

He had the habit of comparing benefits received, and, of course, his constant conclusion would be that he wasn't among those *tinititigan*. What's incongruous was, in saying this, he would refer to certain biblical passages, quote the words of Jesus, and state flatly that he simply was not among "God's chosen ones".

Pathetic, isn't it, that for all his avowed dedication to his weekly Bible study Edgar still would not see that he could actually choose to be among those he called the "favorites" if only he walked his talk as a Jesus follower.

There are many Edgars in our workplaces; you may find a handful in your office, or you may be one of them. If so, remember that no one finds genuine job satisfaction by keeping an envious eye on others. But fulfillment at the workplace may be attained by the observance of sound work ethics and values such as those that Jesus taught. There's nothing esoteric about following His teachings concerning labor; in fact Jesus is the most sensible and practical labor leader you can ever meet. To be a "favored" or "chosen one," brave the difficulties, follow the honorable path, and stop desiring to be a "favorite." (*E-mail the author at* teresa_de_manila@yahoo.com)



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Gospel: Matthew 22:1-14

Jesus again in reply spoke to them in parables, saying, "The kingdom of heaven may be likened to a king who gave a wedding feast for his son. Many are invited, but few are chosen."

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- Will be responsible in assisting Account Officers in servicing of accounts and handling of the documentation of accounts
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Must possess good analytical skills; good communication skills; highly developed interpersonal skills and a high sense of responsibility

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- Will be responsible in the marketing and selling of all industrial and agricultural ROPOA assets
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- Must have experience in conducting market/feasibility studies

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- Will be responsible in account generation, evaluation and recommendation of housing loan applications
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Minimum of 2 years experience in Real Estate Mortgage in a universal/commercial bank

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- Will be responsible in preparation and analysis of the Bank's branches profit & liability reports
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- Graduate of any 4 year business course, preferably BS Accountancy or BS Statistics
- Experience in similar field will be an advantage

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- Will be responsible in carrying out marketing and selling activities of the ROPOA properties and documentation of sale of acquired assets
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PARALEGAL ASSOCIATES
- Will be responsible in paralegal work which includes the payment of taxes, consolidation of ROPOA accounts and registration of property with the Registry of Deeds
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- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Minimum 1 year bank experience in Branch Operations

BRANCH SALES OFFICER
- Will be responsible in account solicitation for the branch and assisting in the servicing and maintenance of existing account holders
- Graduate of any 4 year business course
- Minimum 2 years experience in a Sales/Marketing function in a bank or any financial institution

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BRANCH SERVICE HEAD
- Will be responsible for the over-all Branch Operations
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- a graduate of any business related course
- with good oral and written communication skills
- working experience with an insurance broker or insurance company, an advantage
- male or female, 25-35 years old

Collection Supervisor
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- a graduate of any business related course
- with good oral and written communication skills
- aggressive
- computer literate
- with supervisory work in Collections in an insurance broker ,an advantage.
- male or female, 25-35 years old

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Assists Account Officer in client servicing , maintenance and account collection.

- a graduate of any Business/Marketing course from a reputable university
- computer literate, aggressive
- with very good written and oral communication skills
- experience in an insurance broker or insurance company, an advantage
- Female, 25-35 years old

Branch Processor (Angeles City)
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- experience in an insurance broker or insurance company, an advantage
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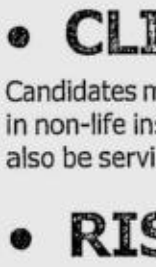

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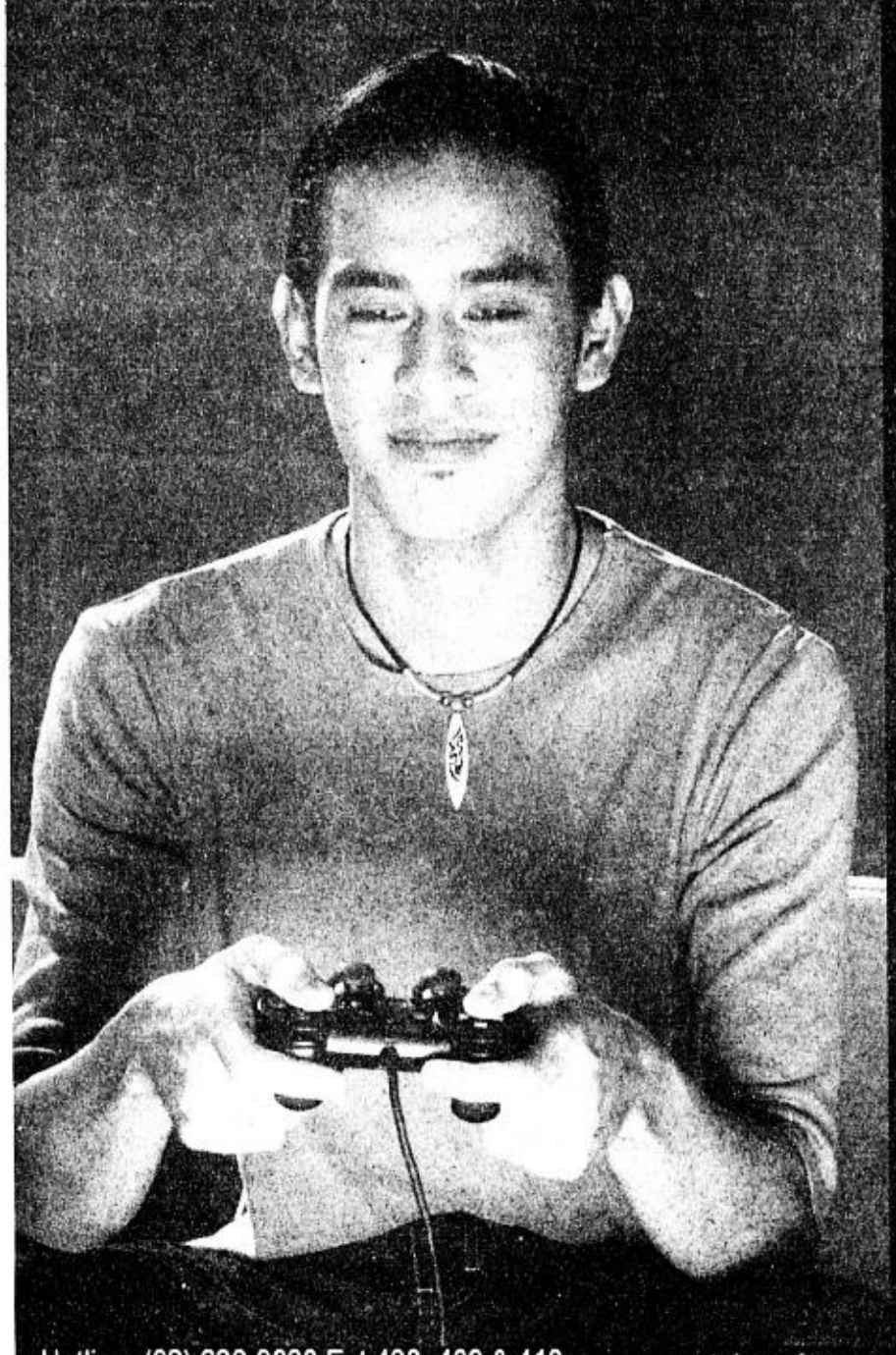

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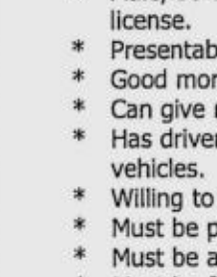

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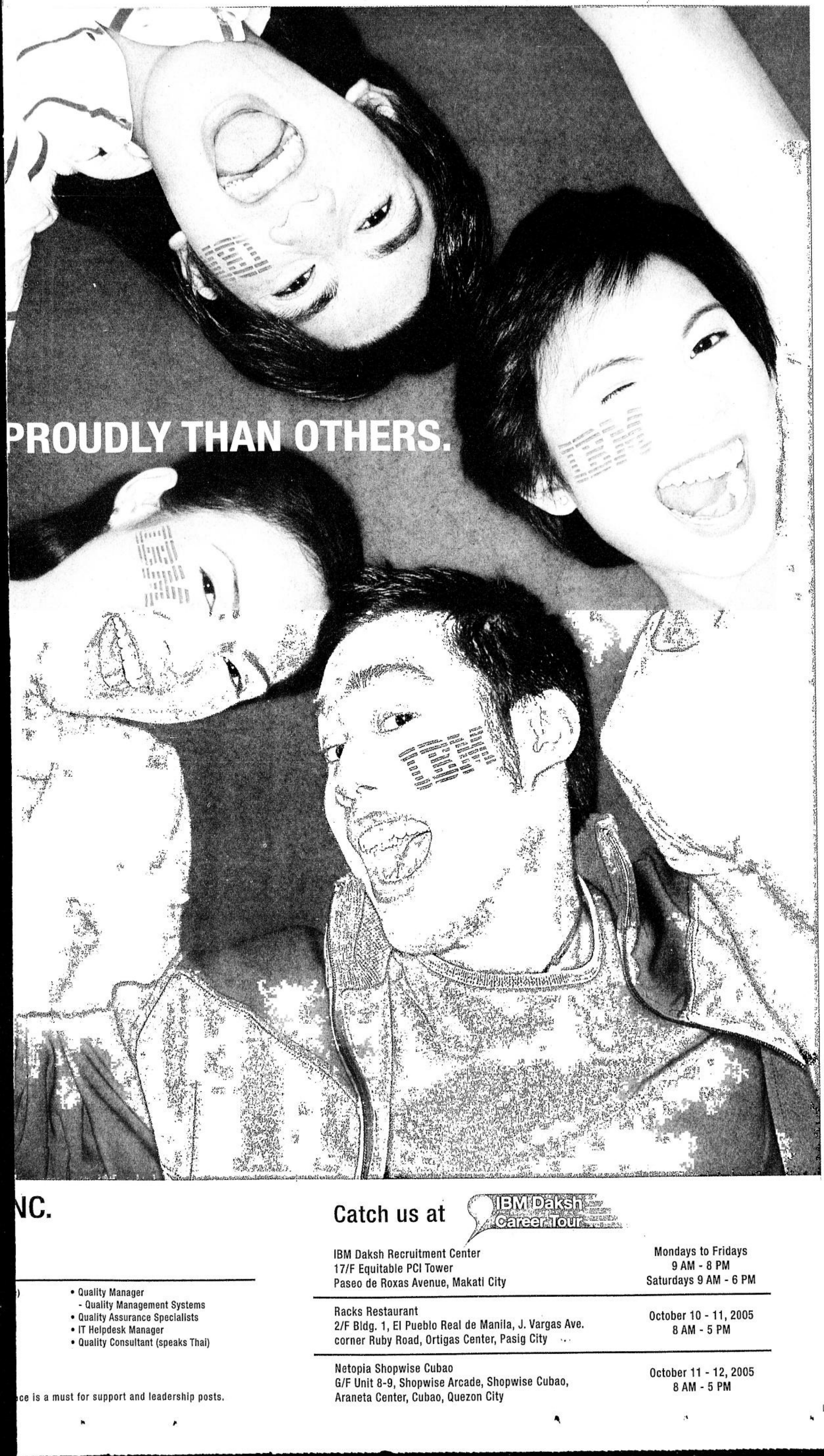

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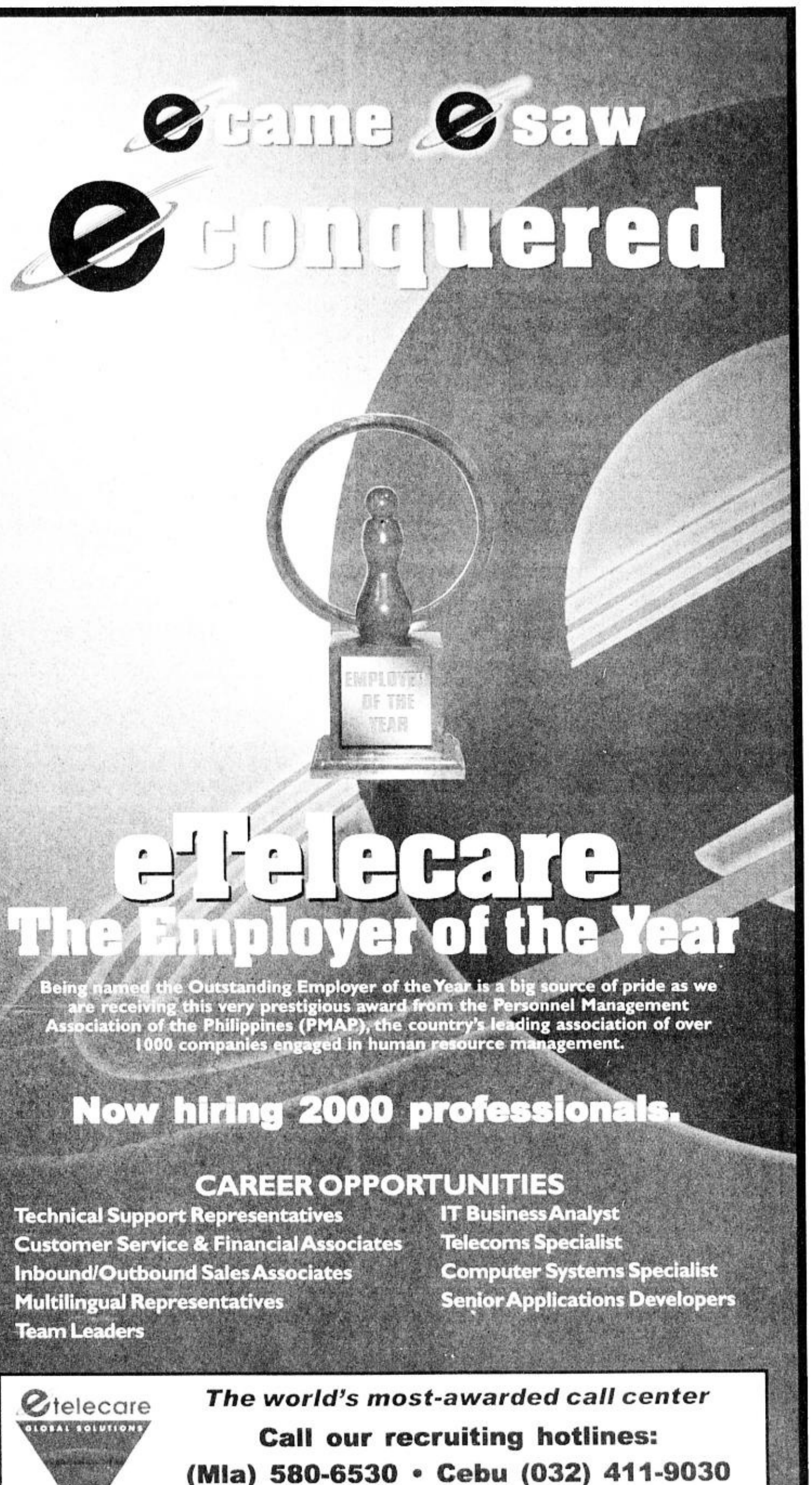

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A Special Supplement on the 2005 Creba-HUDCC National Convention

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Creba-HUDCC nat'l convention to link the best of Philippine property, tourism to the world

EXCLUSIVE AND luxurious Tagaytay Highlands will host this year's national convention jointly held by the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Association Inc. and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council on Oct. 13 to 14 dubbed as "Creba-HUDCC: Linking the Best for Philippine Property and Tourism to the World."

Linking the Best in Philippine Property and Tourism to the World

Choy L. Alas, 2005 convention chair, said that aside from providing participants the opportunity to enjoy the cool ambiance and posh facilities of Tagaytay Highlands, the annual event more importantly aims to provide the forum for local and international stakeholders to be apprised of recent developments and business opportunities in the real estate industry.

Foreign speakers have been invited to give first-hand information on the various opportunities and trends waiting to be tapped by both local and foreign investors. Among them are Alan JM Dalgleish from Colliers International-Philippines, Bruce Tulloch from Resorts Suites International-Asia Pacific, Ivor Clucas from RCI Asia and Her Excellency Erendira Paz from the Mexican Embassy.

Dr. Nathaniel von Einsiedel will speak about "Development Opportunities in Key Philippine Cities" while Heritage Conservation Society president Gemma Cruz-Araneta will talk about the Philippines as the "Pride of Place." The Philippine Chamber of Commerce and Industry will be represented by its vice president Samie Lim who will share about PCCI's "Investour 5" program. These speakers will be joined by Tourism Undersecretary Oscar Palabyab, Philippine Tourism Authority general manager Robert Dean Barbers and Leo Picaso, president of the Philippine Tour Operators Association.

The formal sessions of the first day will close with an auction of various banks' foreclosed properties and an after-dinner dance competition at the Highlands veranda.

The earlier part of the second day of the confab will be devoted to a discussion of Creba's continuing advocacies and other concerns among the leaders of the various agencies involved in housing. The panelists are Vice Chair Amado S. Bagatsing of HUDCC, Agrarian Reform Secretary Nasser C. Pangandaman, Environment and Natural Resources Secretary Michael T. Defensor, Interior Undersecretary Eduardo R. Soliman, Pag-Ibig Fund president Romero F. S. Quimbo, HGC president Gonzalo B. A. Bongolan, EVP Fermin Arzaga of the NHMFC, Commissioner Romulo Q. Fabul of the HLURB, and GM Federico A. Laxa of the NHA.

Vice President and HUDCC chair Noli L. de Castro will deliver his speech after introduction by HUDCC secretary general Undersecretary Lucille P. Ortile.

Major sponsor for this year's confab is Boysen Paint. Other sponsors include Crown Asia Properties, VV Soliven Group of Companies, Home Development Mutual Fund or Pag-Ibig, Global Brands Company, Cityland Group of Companies, Duraville Realty & Marketing and Sta. Lucia Development Inc.

Interested participants may call the Creba secretariat at 373-2270 to 75.

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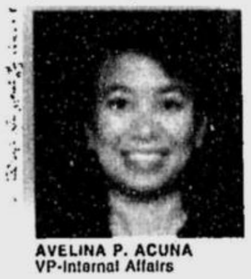
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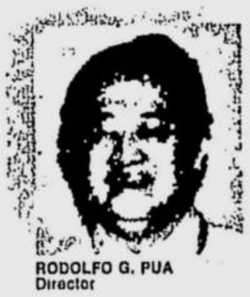
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My warm greetings to the men and women of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations, Inc. (CREBA) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) as you hold your National Convention with the theme "CREBA-HUDCC: Linking the Best in Philippine Property and Tourism to the World."

CREBA and HUDCC hand in hand with other government agencies, have always played a vital role in the socio economic development of our country. As agencies responsible for the formulation of policies for the equitable distribution of public lands and their management and administration, you have given flesh to then visions of this administration, which is to distribute lands to the landless and homes for the homeless.

In your own little way, you have made the ordinary citizens realize their dream of owning their own land and house.

Because of this, I take pride in serving the Filipino people, with you by my side.

More power and mabuhay kayong lahat!

GLORIA MACAPAGAL-ARROYO
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I would like to extend my warmest greetings to the officers and members of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Association Inc. (CREBA) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) on your National Convention.

These conventions that you hold annually reflect the association's realization of the potentials of the housing sector as an engine of growth for development. It also manifests CREBA and HUDCC's resolve to continue its partnership in seeking solutions to provide decent, affordable and sustainable shelter communities for our people.

The spirit and initiative behind this convention are to be lauded for gatherings such as these are always good venues for a meeting of minds in our enduring search for solutions to our country's myriad of problems.

Congratulations and Mabuhay kayong lahat!

RODOLFO G. BIAZON
Chairman, Committee on Housing

Republic of the Philippines
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Quezon City, Metro Manila

Congratulations to the respective leadership, members and all persons working for the success of the 2005 National Convention of the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders Association (CREBA) and the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC).

We in the Committee on Housing and Urban Development of the House of Representatives are looking forward to studying the valuable resolutions from this important event. These, the fruits of your unity, are sources of inspiration and wisdom which constantly guide and aid us in crafting legislation as well as in working and in fighting for economic and shelter rights of our respective constituencies.

Together we now renew our bonds with rekindled hopes for timely measures that promote efficient shelter delivery, responsive city governance, and as your theme proposes, innovative ways and means to attain the aforementioned via new endeavors with tourism development.

With our joint initiatives, we may yet prove that housing and urban development can boost the country's economy and sustain it with the wind coming from the wings of various industries and sectors following our lead.

Again, my fullest esteem and congratulations to you all.

Mabuhay Kayong Lahat!

EDUARDO C. ZIALCITA
Representative
1st District, Parañaque City

Republic of the Philippines
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HOUSING AND URBAN DEVELOPMENT COORDINATING COUNCIL

The Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) is honored to join one of its most committed partners, the Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations, Inc. (CREBA) in conducting this year's highly-anticipated housing event, the CREBA-HUDCC National Convention 2005.

As stakeholders in the housing sector, our ultimate goal is to provide a decent home to every Filipino family. Over the years, we have worked with CREBA not just in building homes and communities, but in shaping policies to ensure the sustained growth of the housing sector. This convention gives us the opportunies to reaffirm our shared commitment, and to move our sector further forward.

With this year's theme, "Linking the Best in Philippine Property and Tourism to the World", we are focusing on another important aspect of housing - as an industry that has the potential to give the Philippines an edge in the global marketplace. Without losing sight of our primary aim to provide homes to the homeless, it is imperative at this time that we also explore how our sector can contribute more to the country's economic growth. We now have a vibrant housing industry, which puts us in the position to set our sights farther hand look at the latest trends and opportunities that may open up new businesses and revenue sources.

Let us continue to work together for an even stronger housing sector, and a more prosperous Philippines.

Mabuhay ang sektor ng pabahay, at mabuhay tayong lahat!

VICE PRESIDENT NOLI DE CASTRO
Chairman

Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations, Inc.

It is my great pleasure to welcome the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council, our guests, delegates, and all my fellow CREBANS, to the 2005 CREBA-HUDCC National Convention held at the Tagaytay Highlands.

Once again we Crebans and our counterparts in the public housing sector, gather as a single Body of real estate and housing stakeholders to address our common concerns and in fellowship.

Convening the various stakeholders in the industry is itself a manifestation of our continued hope for the betterment of our industry. And we have the unswerving enthusiasm and ardour of all you who have expressed your support, as sponsors, as delegates, as guests, to thank for.

To our counterparts in the government housing sector, it is our pleasure to continue to work side by side with you in staging this event.

To the organizing committee, my sincerest congratulations for a job well done. Anything that is worth doing for the industry, is and will always be worth the effort.

To the convention delegates, our warmest welcome. Your coming over is a clear sign of your desire to be involved and to be counted in the common effort to push forward a truly national shelter program for all Filipinos.

To all our supporters in and out of CREBA, not only our thanks but our assurance as well that your help will be put to best use.

JAIME A. CURA
National President

Chamber of Real Estate and Builders' Associations, Inc.

It is with great honor that I welcome our guests, our friends, and the participants to the 2005 Creba-HUDCC National Convention.

For the past years, we Crebans dreamt of bringing back the glorious days of the housing industry. And we look forward to the annual convention as our gauge in determining the industry's direction. Such is the importance of this annual activity.

But if in any small way we have succeeded even in making the dream of one homeless man acquire a home he can call his own, this endeavor will have achieved much.

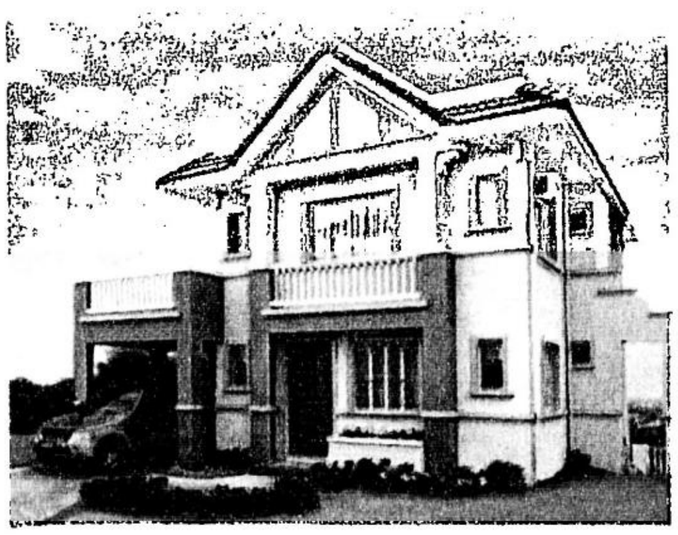
My gratitude to the Creba Board for the trust given to me as Overall Chair of the convention organizing committee which we are holding in the cool and scenic Tagaytay Highlands.

My applause to the members of the organizing committee for their all-out effort in making this activity turn into reality. May all the hardwork we have put into this endeavor bear fruit, for us to reap and for our posterity.

With the help of this souvenir magazine, may posterity look behind to this accomplishment as they reap the fruits of our labor.

May the spirit of Creba live on.

EFREN 'CHOY' L. ALAS
Convention Overall Chairman



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THE PAG-IBIG FUND WAS RECENTLY assigned a corporate credit rating of PRS Aaa minus (corp.) by the pioneer credit rating agency Philippine Rating Services Corp. (PhilRatings), acknowledging the Fund's "very strong capacity to meet its financial commitment relative to that of other Philippine corporates."

PRS Aaa is the highest possible rating on PhilRatings' corporate credit rating scale, which can be qualified further by a minus to indicate an obligor's relative position for that particular rating grade.

Vice President Noli De Castro, who concurrently chairs the Housing and Urban Development Coordinating Council (HUDCC) and the Pag-Ibig Board of Trustees, hailed the rating assigned to the Fund, which is "further proof of its financial strength and ability to fully serve its mandates."

"Pag-Ibig provides the biggest funding for the national shelter program. Beyond meeting its credit obligations, Pag-Ibig's strength certainly spells good news for the housing industry and for the millions of Filipinos who wish to have their own homes," De Castro added.

Pag-Ibig president and CEO Romero S. Quimbo said that while the Fund is not required to obtain a credit rating for any specific purpose at the moment, it underwent the rating process "for greater transparency, disclosure and to promote good governance."

"We are very confident of the Fund's financial standing in view of our performance, and we are pleased that this has been validated by no less than PhilRatings," he said.

The rating is only given to private conglomerates and proves that even government agencies can be at par or even better than the private sector.

In assigning the rating, PhilRatings focused on Pag-Ibig's performance as a consistently profitable company, with a fairly well-managed investment portfolio and a highly assured liquidity to meet all of its obligations to members and creditors alike.

The rating also takes into account the guarantee afforded by the Philippine government over members' contributions. Pag-Ibig's strategic role in executing government policy to promote savings and to provide shelter, as well as its favorable regulations, including the mandatory nature of members' contributions, were also taken into consideration.

PhilRatings, however, recognizes that Pag-Ibig will continuously have to take steps to improve its asset quality in relation to its lending portfolio to further boost its profitability.

PhilRatings also favorably views the various steps being taken by Pag-Ibig to put in place a fully integrated data and internal business process system to deliver services to its members more efficiently and effectively. The progress and implementation of these changes will be followed closely by PhilRatings.

Pag-Ibig Fund has 5.7 million members as of 2004. The ratio of members' contributions to the Fund's assets was at 77.6 percent as of May 31, 2005. The Fund's earnings rose by 23 percent to P6.5 billion in 2004, making it one of the top 10 most profitable companies in the country. The Pag-Ibig Fund has been the main funder of the housing sector in the past four years.

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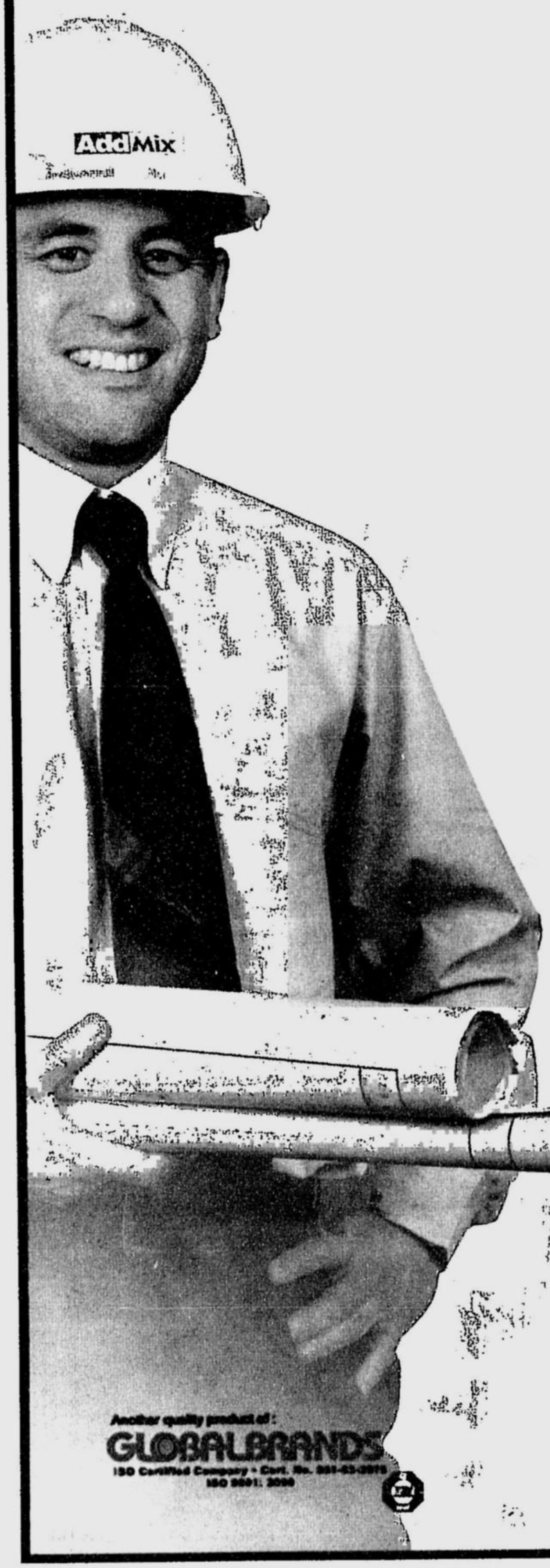

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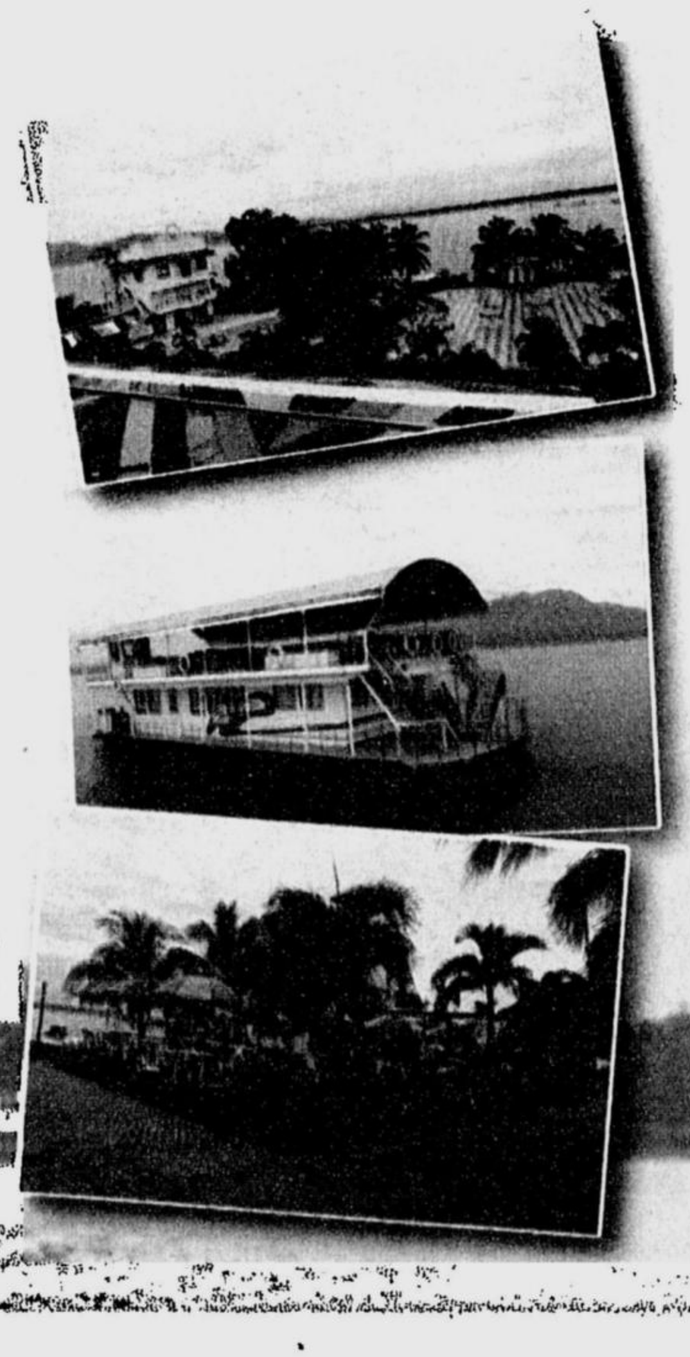

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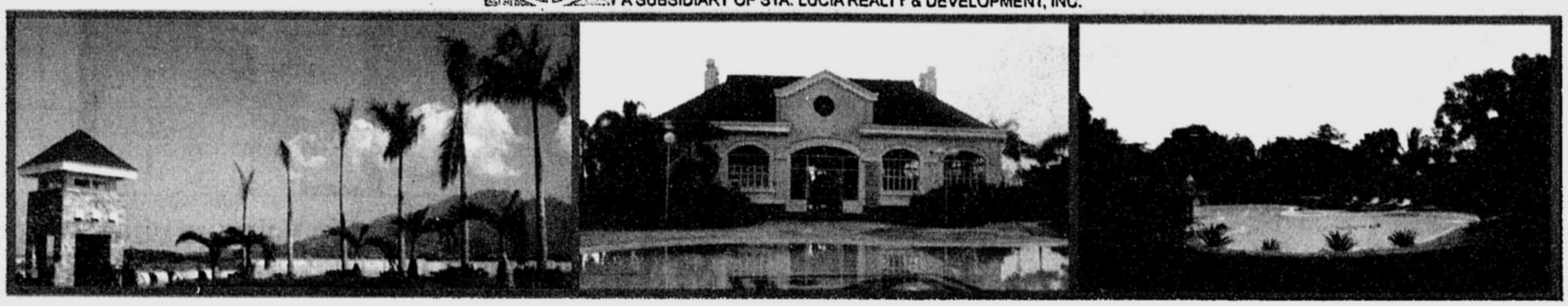

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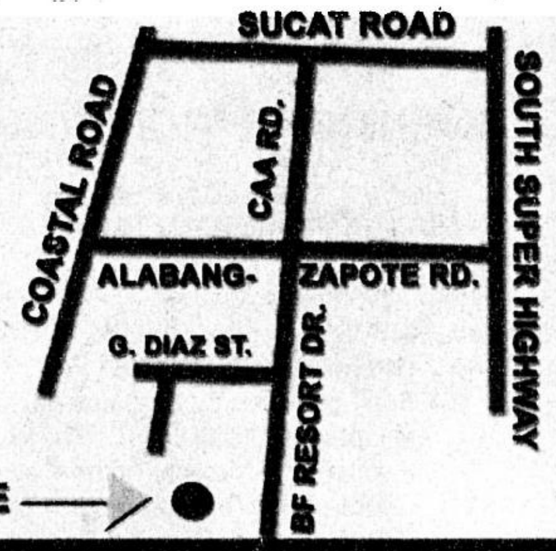

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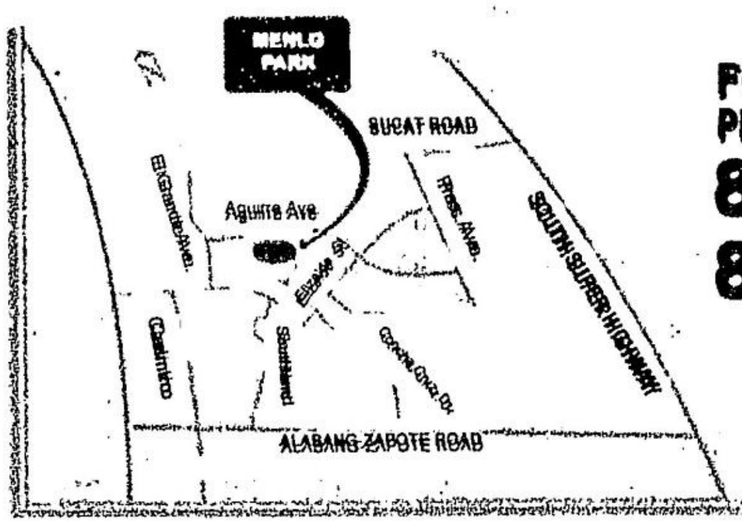

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Day Chairs: Ms. Lilia Aaron-Paterro / Engr. Manny T. Ramos
TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS GOLF CLUB

6:30-7:30 am Golf Tournament Registration (Tee-time: 7:00-9:00 a.m.)
10:00 am Courtesy Call with **HON. ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO,** Mayor - Tagaytay City

3:00pm Awarding of Golf Winners

CONVENTION PROPER October 13, 2005 (Thursday)

Day Chair: Ms. Cathy D. Yulo
MULTI PURPOSE HALL, TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS - Business Attire

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7:00-8:30 Arrival & Registration
8:30-9:30 **OPENING CEREMONIES**
Entry of Colors by **La Salle Dasmariñas Cadets**
Chapter Roll Call
Invocation & National Anthem by **La Salle Dasmariñas Choir**
CREBA Hymn by **Convention Committees**
Call to Order & Opening Remarks by
DR. JAIME A. CURA, National President
Opening Remarks by **VICE CHAIR AMADO S. BAGATSING,** HUDCC
Welcome Remarks by **HON. ABRAHAM N. TOLENTINO,** Mayor - Tagaytay City
Overview of the Convention by **MR. EFREN L. ALAS**, Overall Chairman
2004 Convention Highlights by **MS. AVELINA P. ACUÑA,** 2004 Overall Chair

Coffee Break / Snacks

Introduction of Keynote Speaker Mr. Douglas Nazareno
9:30-10:30 Address:
CONG. EDUARDO C. ZIALCITA, Chairman - Committee on Housing

Session I

10:30-11:00 **MR. ALAN J.M. DALGLEISH**, Managing Director - Colliers International Phils., Inc.
Topic: "International Tourism Perspectives - Opportunities & Threats for the Phils."

11:00-11:30 **MS. JUDY REINKE**, Counsellor for Commercial Affairs - US Embassy
Topic: " Building for the Future - Resources for Tourism Development"

11:30-12:00 **DR. NATHANIEL VON EINSIEDEL**, Chairman - Concep, Inc.
Topic: "Development Opportunies in Key Philippine Cities"

12:00-12:30 **MR. BRUCE TULLOCH**, Managing Director - Resort Suites Int'l. Asia Pacific
Topic: "Next Generation Leisure - Products and Investment Offerings"

12:30-1:00 **MR. ROBERT DEAN BARBERS**, General Manager Philippine Tourism Authority

PM

1:00 OPEN FORUM
MS. ROSEMARIE C. BASA / MR. FLORANTE C. OFRECIO
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1:00 LUNCH
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SESSION II

2:00-2:30 **H. E. ERENDIRA PAZ**, Ambassador - Mexico
Topic: "Mexico's View of Philippine Property Development & Tourism"

2:30-3:00 **USEC. OSCAR PALABYAB**, Department of Tourism

3:00-3:30 **MS. GEMMA CRUZ-ARANETA**, President Heritage Conservation Society
Topic: "Pride of Place"

3:30-4:00 **MR. KOK HONG CHONG**, Business Dev't Manager RCI Asia Pacific Pte, Ltd.

4:00-4:30 **MR. SAMIE LIM**, VP for Tourism, Retailing and Franchising - PCCI
Topic: "PCCI Investour - 5 Point Program"

Coffee Break / Snacks

4:30-5:00 OPEN FORUM
MS. MINDA P. LADORES / MR. THAD R. LIAMZON
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4:00-5:30 AUCTION OF BANKS FORECLOSED PROPERTIES

EVENING
7:00-9:00 pm Dinner at Tagaytay Highlands Veranda

9:00-11:00 **CHAPTER'S NIGHT (Attire: Smart Casual)**
"CREBA STARSTRUCK - HIP-HOP COMPETITION"

October 14, 2005 (Friday)

Day Chair: Mr. Victor Manarang / Arch. Henry Olonan
MULTI PURPOSE HALL, TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS - Business Attire

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6:30-7:30 Breakfast

7:30-9:30 CREBA Directorate / Chapter Presidents Meeting

9:30-10:00 Invocation by **DIR. BENSON L. PERELONIA.** CREBA National
National Anthem & **CREBA Hymn by CREBA Chapter Presidents**
Call to Order by **DR. JAIME A. CURA**, National President

10:00 Coffee Break / Snacks

ASEC. NESTOR P. BORROMEO,
Housing & Urban Dev't Coordinatng Council
Topic: "Summary of the Pre-Con Workshop"

10:30-12:30 **CREBA-HUDCC FORUM ON CONTINUING CONCERNS**
SEC. NASSER C. PANGANDAMAN, Department of Land Reform
SEC. MICHAEL T. DEFENSOR, Department of Environmental & Natural Resources
USEC. EDUARDO R. SOLIMAN - Department of Interior & Local Government
PRES. ROMERO F.S. QUIMBO, Pag-Ibig Fund

Panelists:
VICE CHAIR AMADO S. BAGATSING, Housing & Urban Dev't Coordinating Council
PRES. GONZALO B.A. BONGOLAN, Home Guaranty Corporation
ATTY. FERMIN ARZAGA, OIC/EVP-Housing - National Home Mortgage Finance Corp
COMM. ROMULO Q. FABUL, Housing & Land Use Regulatory Board
GM. FEDERICO A. LAXA, National Housing Authority

Introduction of Luncheon Speaker by **Usec. LUCILLE P. ORTILE**
Sec. Gen., HUDCC

Speech:
His Excellency **Vice President NOLI DE CASTRO,**
Republic of the Philippines

12:30-1:00 OPEN FORUM
Moderators **MS. AVELINA P. ACUÑA**
MR. HARRY C. RODRIGUEZ

PM

MS. ROSEMARIE C. BASA / MR. REGHIS ROMERO
Masters of Ceremonies

1:00 **FAREWELL LUNCH**
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Departure for Manila
5:00amTagaytay Highlands

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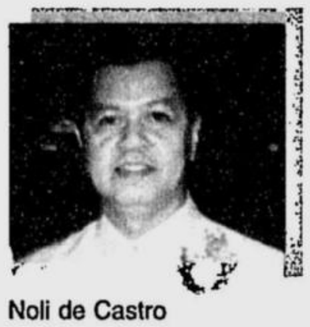

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Creba-La Salle Real Estate Diploma program

With the end in view of promoting the highest levels of professionalism, integrity and ability in the field of real estate management in the country, thereby providing an access to quality continuing education in real estate skills and competencies, the De La Salle University-College of Saint Benilde (DLS-CSB) entered into a consortium agreement with Creba through its Certificate Program Center, now School of Professional and Continuing Education (SPaCE).

The Post-Baccalaureate Diploma Program in Real Estate Management is the first of its kind in the history of real estate education in the Philippines.
The program is open to newcomers in the real estate industry, as well as existing players and licensed or unlicensed practitioners desiring to upgrade their knowledge and align their strategies with current local and global trends in the various aspects of real estate management.

Held every Saturday from 1 to 7:30 p.m. at the College of Saint Benilde International Centre on Estrada corner Arellano Street, Malate, the six-module professionalization program entitles an enrollee to a Diploma jointly given by the De La Salle-College of Saint Benilde and Creba. Attendance in a module/course entitles a participant to a Certificate of Achievement. Helmed by Program Director Prof. Roque Arrieta-Magno, former HLURB Commissioner and Professorial Lecturer of the University of the Philippines School of Urban & Regional Planning (UP-SURP), the faculty includes top industry players, members of the academe and public luminaries who man the helm of policy-making in real estate, land development, housing, construction and allied fields. Past program directors include Ms Techie P. Bautista and engineer Porthos P. Almajose.

Testament to the warm welcome expressed by both the public and private sector entities, were the series of in-house training programs hosted by the Manila International Airport Authority (MIAA) under the administration of general manager Edgardo Manda and the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints in Green Meadows Subdivision in 2004.

More and more participants are availing the benefits of enrolling in the various modules. The last three years have yielded more than 30 holders of real estate diplomas, all of whom attest to the high standards of the program and its potency in providing every know-how in the field. Efforts are now being explored to develop a graduate degree in real estate.

CREBA INTERNATIONAL FOUNDATION
Reaching out to Filipinos overseas

In 2003 alone, overseas Filipino workers remitted to the Philippines about P7.13 billion. News reports say that about 2,400 overseas Filipino workers leave the country everyday to earn the mighty dollar that could feed their families, send their children to school, and build a house of their own. And the numbers are still growing.

The Creba International Foundation was organized by Creba in 2003 to respond to the housing needs of more than a million Filipino workers deployed in 182 countries, particularly in the Middle East, Hong Kong, Singapore, Japan, Korea, Canada, Italy, Taiwan and the United States.

It also serves other Filipino expatriates and foreign investors by assisting them in locating appropriate real estate investment opportunities in the Philippines.

As one journalist puts it, our OFWs' earnings are truly "blood money." They can also be "a gold mine for investments." We owe it to the OFWs that the country's economy has not hit rock bottom, thanks to their remittances.

The foundation operates as a corporation, with a network of competent brokers and realty marketing practitioners abroad, which serves as the marketing, advertising and promotions arm of the foundation with the use of online communication, printed media, and other similar publication. It sets the criteria for accreditation of developers-sellers and verifies their credibility, viability, integrity and financial stability.

The developer derives tremendous benefits from the services of the foundation and its international chapters because he saves a lot of resources and efforts in offering his real estate projects and services abroad. The cost of putting-up an overseas realty marketing office alone and maintaining a marketing and promotion staff can be prohibitive. Partnering with CIFI can gain for him long-term and profitable marketing mileage.

What are the responsibilities of a developer?

He has to assure Creba that all titles to the properties for sale are clean and are free from encumbrances, environmental blights (squatters), tenants and other occupants. He has to provide international chapters with marketing materials, price lists, registration forms, and other sales paraphernalia. It is also the responsibility of the developer to formulate and prescribe the official selling prices, payment terms and discount schemes, if any. Billboards, press releases, advertisements and transportation services for prospective clients are also for the developers' account.

This year, the foundation went full swing in staging road shows and joining major exhibits abroad. Participating developers enjoyed the benefits of subsidized booth rentals, press releases, embassy representations and potential sales.

In Europe

Simultaneous with the Philippine Independence celebration organized by the Philippine embassy in the cities of Milan and Venice last June was the "Philippine Housing Fair" in partnership with the Pag-Ibig Overseas Program.

One month later, eight Philippine developers were represented in the "Barrio Fiesta sa London," an annual Filipino community activity at Lampton Park, Hounslow in central London, where an average of 80,000 visitors flock every year.

In the United States

Very recently, 10 developers from the Philippines arrived from a successful two-week sojourn west of the United States to join the 20th LA Exposition, Auto Show and Home Show, organized by Filipino-owned newspaper California Examiner, one of the widest-reaching Filipino community publications in the West Coast. As an extension activity, a property expo was held by the same group at the Golden Nugget Hotel in Las Vegas.

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Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot only
Blk 10 Lot 11 Lot Area = 327sqm
Total Contract Price = P2,639,000

Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot only
Blk 11 Lot 2A Lot Area = 150sqm
Total Contract Price = P975,000

Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot only
Blk 11 Lot 3 Lot Area = 180sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,170,000

Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot only
Blk 18 Lot 28 Lot Area = 267sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,869,000

Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot only
Blk 19 Lot 9 Lot Area = 309sqm
Total Contract Price = P2,163,000

Las Piñas Classic 2 Lot only
Blk 5 Lot 17 Lot Area = 158sqm
Total Contract Price = P869,000

Las Piñas Classic 2 Lot only
Blk 7 Lot 8 Lot Area = 108sqm
Total Contract Price = P648,000

Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot with Improvement
Blk 9 Lot 2 Lot Area = 183sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,555,500

Las Piñas Classic 1 Lot with Improvement
Blk 15 Lot 4 Lot Area = 164sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,394,000

Camella Parañaque La Huerta,Sucat

P'que4 Lot only
Blk 8 Lot 13 Lot Area = 192sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,109,000

P'que4 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 16 Lot Area = 135sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,013,000

P'que4 Lot only
Blk 12 Lot 10 Lot Area = 225sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,300,000

P'que4 Lot only
Blk 12 Lot 14 Lot Area = 218sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,259,000

P'que4 Lot with improvement
Blk 16 Lot 15 Lot Area = 130sqm
Total Contract Price = P987,000

P'que4 Lot only
Blk 17 Lot 1 Lot Area = 158sqm
Total Contract Price = P830,000

P'que4 Lot only
Blk 22 Lot 12 Lot Area = 228sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,437,000

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La Segovia Las Piñas City

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 12 Lot Area = 100sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,587,488

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 17 Lot Area = 100sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,587,488

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 18 Lot Area = 100sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,587,488

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 21 Lot Area = 150sqm
Total Contract Price = P2,241,486

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 15 Lot Area = 100sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,587,488

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 31 Lot Area = 100sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,587,488

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 48 Lot Area = 150sqm
Total Contract Price = P2,241,486

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 49 Lot Area = 150sqm
Total Contract Price = P2,241,486

La Segovia Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 61 Lot Area = 150sqm
Total Contract Price = P2,241,486

Camella Alabang Alabang,City

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 1 Lot 6 Lot Area = 197sqm
Total Contract Price = P995,000

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 3 Lot 2 Lot Area = 108sqm
Total Contract Price = 604,000

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 3 Lot 3 Lot Area = 168sqm
Total Contract Price = 934,400

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 3 Lot 4 Lot Area = 132sqm
Total Contract Price = 736,000

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 3 Lot 13C Lot Area = 112sqm
Total Contract Price = P570,000

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 8 Lot 23 Lot Area = 216sqm
Total Contract Price = 1,522,000

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 8 Lot 31B Lot Area = 148sqm
Total Contract Price = 750,000

Alabang 2E Lot Only
Blk 10 Lot 17 Lot Area = 321sqm
Total Contract Price = 1,871,800

Palmera Ortigas Taytay,Rizal

Ortigas 4 Lot only
Blk 7 Lot 41A Lot Area = 82sqm
Total Contract Price = P394,000

Ortigas 4 Lot only
Blk 7 Lot 59A Lot Area = 70sqm
Total Contract Price = P405,000

Ortigas 4 Lot only
Blk 7 Lot 59B Lot Area = 70sqm
Total Contract Price = P405,000

Ortigas 4B Lot with improvement
Blk 2 Lot 1 Lot Area = 115sqm
Total Contract Price = P596,000

Ortigas 4B Lot with improvement
Blk 2 Lot 2 Lot Area = 145sqm
Total Contract Price = P722,000

Ortigas 4B with improvement
Blk 2 Lot 4 Lot Area = 60sqm
Total Contract Price = P365,000

Ortigas 4B Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 8 Lot Area = 60sqm
Total Contract Price = P365,000

Ortigas 4B Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 10 Lot Area = 137sqm
Total Contract Price = P689,000

Ortigas 4B Lot only
Blk 3 Lot 3 Lot Area = 52sqm
Total Contract Price = P332,000

Palmera Springs Camarin,Novaliches

Springs 2 Lot only
Blk 30 Lot 1 Lot Area = 131sqm
Total Contract Price = P963,000

Springs 2 Lot only
Blk 30 Lot 3 Lot Area = 162sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,134,000

Springs 3A Lot with improvement
Blk 28 Lot 14 Lot Area = 141sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,333,000

Springs 4 Lot with improvement
Blk 6 Lot 4 Lot Area = 77sqm
Total Contract Price = P728,000

Springs 4 Lot only
Blk 10 Lot 1 Lot Area = 154sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,132,000

Springs 4 Lot with improvement
Blk 13 Lot 1 Lot Area = 131sqm
Total Contract Price = P1,238,000

Springs 5 Lot with improvement
Blk 9 Lot 17 Lot Area = 50sqm
Total Contract Price = P473,000

Springs 5 Lot with improvement
Blk 13 Lot 8 Lot Area = 70sqm
Total Contract Price = P662,000

Springs 5 Lot with improvement
Blk 13 Lot 44 Lot Area = 50sqm
Total Contract Price = P473,000

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Blk 2 Lot 32 Price = P576,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=42sqm

Bare 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 14 Price = P549,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=42sqm

Bare 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 16 Price = P549,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=42sqm

Bare 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 13 Lot 2 Price = P697,000
Lot Area = 71sqm Flr area=42sqm

Bare 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 15 Lot 10 Price = P497,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=42sqm

Bare 1 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 15 Lot 22 Price = P549,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=42sqm

Bare 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 17 Price = P536,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=40sqm

Bare 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 1 Lot 25C Price = P536,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=40sqm

Bare 2 Lot only
Blk 3 Lot 16 Price = P596,000
Lot Area = 129sqm

Bare 2 Lot only
Blk 3 Lot 19 Price = P449,000
Lot Area = 97sqm

Bare 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 5 Price = P525,000
Lot Area = 48sqm Flr area=40sqm

Bare 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 3 Lot 6 Price = P683,000
Lot Area = 70sqm Flr area=40sqm

Bare 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 5 Lot 42 Price = P730,000
Lot Area = 82sqm Flr area=40sqm

Bare 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 7 Lot 16 Price = P782,000
Lot Area = 88sqm Flr area=40sqm

Bare 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 104 Price = P776,000
Lot Area = 74sqm Flr area=61sqm

Bare 3 Lot only
Blk 9 Lot 111 Price = P316,000
Lot Area = 78sqm

Bare 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 116 Price = P799,000
Lot Area = 78sqm Flr area=61sqm

Bare 3 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 17 Price = P793,000
Lot Area = 77sqm Flr area=61sqm

San Marino Square Paliparan,Dasmariñas,Cavite

Dasmariñas,Cavite

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 1 Lot 26 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 1 Lot 27 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 1 Lot 28 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 1 Lot 29 Price = P272,000
Lot Area = 74sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 3 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 4 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 5 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 2 Lot 6 Price = P335,000
Lot Area = 91sqm

San Marino Square Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 13 Price = P435,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=40sqm

San Marino Square Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 7 Price = P527,000
Lot Area = 75sqm Flr area=40sqm

San Marino Square Lot w improvement
Blk 10 Lot 4 Price = P435,000
Lot Area = 60sqm Flr area=40sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 14 Lot 3 Price = P276,000
Lot Area = 75sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 14 Lot 4 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 14 Lot 6 Price = P184,000
Lot Area = 80sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 14 Lot 8 Price = P276,000
Lot Area = 75sqm

San Marino Square Lot only
Blk 14 Lot 9 Price = P276,000
Lot Area = 75sqm

San Marino Square Lot w improvement
Blk 16 Lot 13 Price = P435,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=40sqm

San Marino Square Lot w improvement
Blk 16 Lot 22 Price = P560,000
Lot Area = 84sqm Flr area=40sqm

San Marino Dasmariñas,Cavite

Dasmariñas,Cavite

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 1 Lot 9 Price = P107,000
Lot Area = 35sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 3 Lot 14 Price = P265,000
Lot Area = 54sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 26 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 6 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 14 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 20 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 10 Lot 26 Price = P264,000
Lot Area = 53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 16 Lot 18 Price = P264,000
Lot Area = 54sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot w improvement
Blk 15 Lot 30 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 22 Lot 17 Price = P264,000
Lot Area = 53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 23 Lot 9 Price = P264,000
Lot Area = 53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino North1 Lot only
Blk 23 Lot 11 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 15 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 19 Price = P264,000
Lot Area = 53.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 36 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 5 Lot 40 Price = P201,000
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 19 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

San Marino West3 Lot w improvement
Blk 10 Lot 3 Price = P198,000
Lot Area = 35sqm Flr area=21sqm

Carissa Homes Tanza,Cavite

Tanza,Cavite

Phase 1 Lot w improvement
Blk 6 Lot 18 Price = P152,380
Lot Area = 43sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 16 Price = P185,980
Lot Area = 69sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1 Lot w improvement
Blk 8 Lot 16 Price = P135,660
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1A Lot w improvement
Blk 40 Lot 5 Price = P135,660
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1A Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 11 Price = P176,480
Lot Area = 64sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1A Lot w improvement
Blk 63 Lot 4 Price = P139,780
Lot Area = 37sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1B Lot w improvement
Blk 45 Lot 2 Price = P1175,480
Lot Area = 64sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1B Lot w improvement
Blk 45 Lot 4 Price = P137,680
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 1B Lot w improvement
Blk 45 Lot 6 Price = P137,680
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 2 Lot w improvement
Blk 9 Lot 17 Price = P201,730
Lot Area = 66.5sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 2 Lot w improvement
Blk 43 Lot 21 Price = P201,730
Lot Area = 61sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 2 Lot w improvement
Blk 62 Lot 19 Price = P173,380
Lot Area = 53sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 3 Lot w improvement
Blk 11 Lot 2 Price = P192,280
Lot Area = 62sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 3 Lot w improvement
Blk 12 Lot 13 Price = P213,280
Lot Area = 72sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 3 Lot w improvement
Blk 18 Lot 3 Price = P135,680
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 3A Lot w improvement
Blk 2 Lot 2 Price = P176,480
Lot Area = 64sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 3A Lot w improvement
Blk 7 Lot 1 Price = P183,880
Lot Area = 68sqm Flr area=21sqm

Phase 3A Lot w improvement
Blk 7 Lot 11 Price = P135,680
Lot Area = 36sqm Flr area=21sqm

Northridge Prime Estate San Jose Del Monte City

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NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 5 Lot 1 Price = P568,000
Lot Area = 137sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 1 Price = P565,000
Lot Area = 136sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 2 Price = P565,000
Lot Area = 136sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 3 Price = P516,000
Lot Area = 120sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 15 Price = P389,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 16 Price = P515,000
Lot Area = 120sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 22 Price = P389,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 8 Lot 23 Price = P516,000
Lot Area = 120sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
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Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
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Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
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Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 13 Price = P389,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 17 Price = P389,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 19 Price = P389,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 9 Lot 20 Price = P516,000
Lot Area = 120sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 10 Price = P516,000
Lot Area = 120sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 11 Price = P516,000
Lot Area = 120sqm Flr area=36sqm

NRPE 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 10 Lot 16 Price = P389,000
Lot Area = 80sqm Flr area=36sqm

Northwinds City San Jose Del Monte City

San Jose del Monte

Northwinds 2 Lot w/ improvement
Blk 19 Lot 38 Price = P418,000
Lot Area = 110sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 2 Lot 25 Price = P229,000
Lot Area = 50sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 6 Lot 10 Price = P377,000
Lot Area = 97sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
Blk 6 Lot 22 Price = P572,000
Lot Area = 159sqm Flr area=25sqm

Northwinds 2B Lot w/ improvement
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GET TO KNOW SOME REAL PEOPLE

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She's the best thing in the hit Singaporean horror movie 'The Maid,' and everyone knows she can act up a storm. But why does the outspoken and unconventional Alessandra de Rossi seem ready to throw in the towel? Is Philippine showbiz in danger of losing one of its finest young talents?

Horrors! Is the Talented Ms. de Rossi Tired of the Showbiz Grind?

by Eric S. Caruncho
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Closer to home, while an official Philippine screening has yet to be announced, pirate videos of "The Maid" have been selling briskly for the last month or so, and a buzz is starting to build around the movie.

In the film, Alessandra de Rossi (who receives top billing over her Singaporean co-stars) plays Rosa Dimaano, an 18-year-old Filipina who goes to work as a DH in Singapore so she can earn enough to pay the medical bills of her critically-ill brother. She goes to work for Mr. and Mrs. Teo and their retarded son Ah Soon, who inhabit an old, dark house in one of Singapore's less tony districts.

Ominously, however, her employment begins during the Chinese lunar "month of hungry ghosts," when restless spirits are free to wander among the living. As the movie progresses, Rosa experiences mounting dread as eerie events occur. Her employers try to convince her that it's because she broke certain taboos, but she soon realizes that the Teo couple may not be as kindly as they appear. The retarded Ah Soon might not be as childlike as he seems either, and the whole dysfunctional family may have something to do with the unexplained disappearance of her predecessor, another Pinay DH named Esther.

This early, the critical verdict is that "The Maid," which was helmed by Singaporean director Kelvin Tong, recycles too many of the by-now well-worn clichés of the Asian horror genre to be genuinely ground-breaking, despite its unique premise. There's the ghostly soccer-playing boy from "The Eye 2," the horrific hit-and-run accident from "Three," the communiqués from the dead from "Phone." The script even gives the Rosa character the line "I see ghosts," a hackneyed plot device from "The Eye," "Visible Secret" and practically half of recent Asian horror offerings. By mid-movie, one half-expects Sadako from "Ringu" or the little ghost boy from "Ju-on" to emerge from the shadows.

The best thing

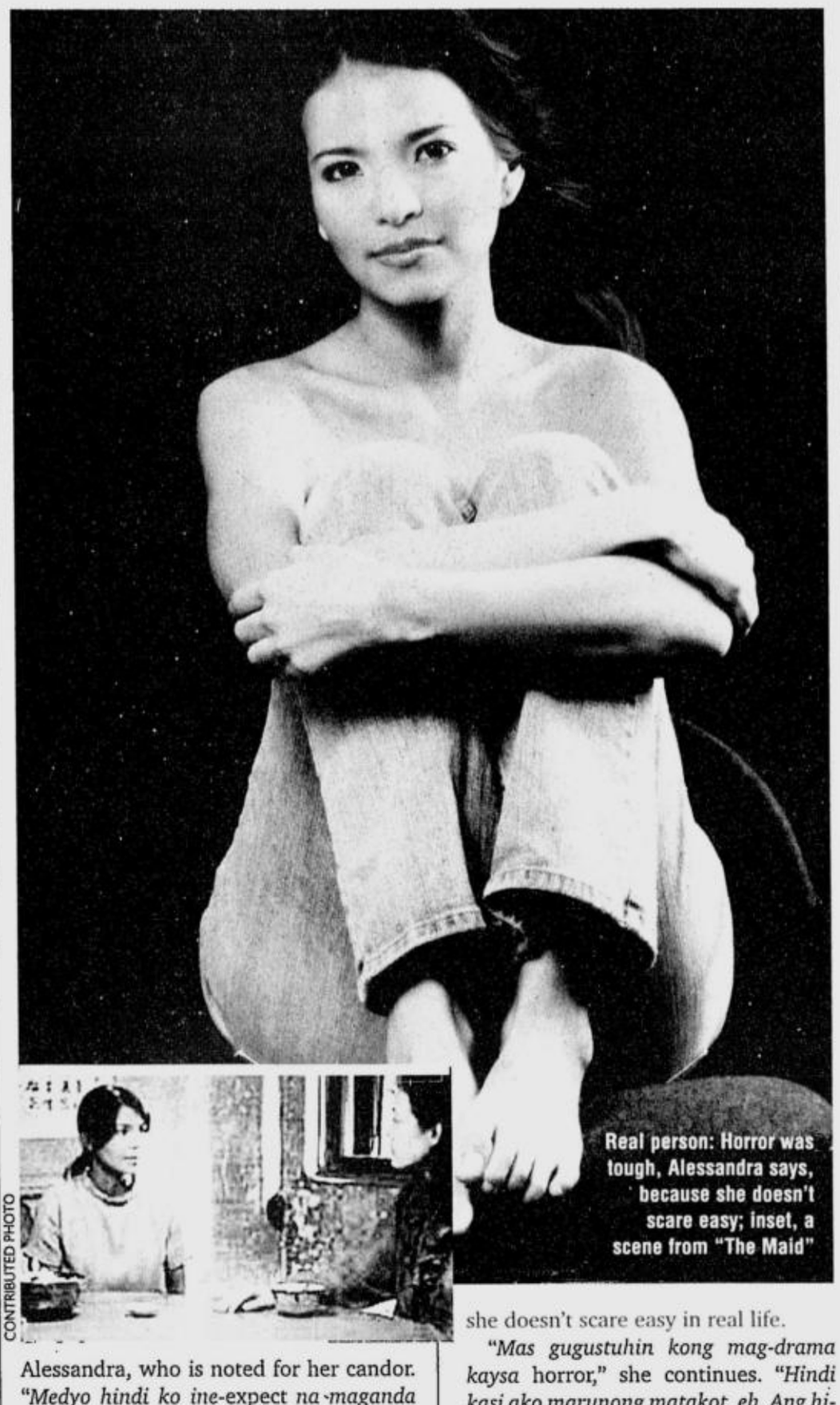
The emerging consensus, however, is also that Alessandra's performance is probably the best thing about "The Maid."

"Alessandra, aided by her beautiful, expressive facial features, comes up with a textured performance that smolders with telling nuances and restraint, and shines despite the movie's shock tactics and scary-film bravado," writes film critic Rito P. Asilo in an INQUIRER review. "For once, it's refreshing to see an actress in a horror film who doesn't belabor her tonsils—and the audience's eardrums—with hyena-like howls and shrieks."

This comes as no surprise for local audiences—we've always known that Alessandra could act. In fact, she was cast in "The Maid" without having to audition, after the producers saw a tape of "*Munting Tinig*," her "breakthrough" film which was well-received when it did the rounds of the international festival circuit. As a commercial genre film, "The Maid" should focus even more international attention on the 21-year-old actress.

Typically, Alessandra takes it all in stride.

"*Hindi ako na*-surprise *kasi ginalingan ko, eh,*" says



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Real person: Horror was tough, Alessandra says, because she doesn't scare easy; inset, a scene from "The Maid"

Alessandra, who is noted for her candor. "*Medyo hindi ko ine*-expect *na maganda ang kalalabasan, kasi nahirapan ako sa* horror. *Hirap na hirap ako talaga.*"

(I wasn't surprised, because I tried to do a good job. But I didn't expect it to be that good, because I had a hard time doing horror.)

A natural actress, Alessandra says the hardest thing about playing Rosa Dimaano was trying to look scared, because she doesn't scare easy in real life.

"*Mas gugustuhin kong mag-drama kaysa* horror," she continues. "*Hindi kasi ako marunong matakot, eh. Ang hirap talaga. Ang dami-daming* take. *Nag*-shoot *kami ng* nine days, *tapos umuwi ako sa Pilipinas. Pagbalik ko doon halos lahat ng* scene *ko inulit kasi yung mukha ko, parang sasapakin ko daw yung multo, so medyo nag* re-shoot *kami ng konti.*"

(I'd rather do drama than horror. I don't scare easy, so I had to do many retakes. We shot for nine days, then I went home to the Philippines. When I went back, we had to redo almost all the scenes because they said I looked like I was about to hit the ghost.)

Alessandra's working method, if you can call it that, is simple:

"*Kung ano ang na*-feel *ko noong araw na yon, kung ano ang gagawin ko sa ganoong* situation, *ganoon lang, para natural,*" she says. "*Sayang kasi pag pinaghandaan ko, parang* acting *ang kalalabasan. Maganda lagi kang natural,* impromptu *ang dating. Yun ang atake ko palagi.*"

(How I feel that particular day, what I'd do in that particular situation, that's how I play it, so it looks natural. If I prepare too much, it feels like acting. It's better to look natural, off the cuff. That's how I always approach it.)

The actress is all praises for the Singaporean production, especially the working schedules.

International scale

"*Mas masaya doon kasi* 12 hours *lang ang trabaho,*" she says. "*Pagdating mo sa* set *alam mo na kung anong oras ka uuwi, at hindi pwedeng ma*-extend *'yon. Dito hanggang sumakit ang likod mo, trabaho ka ng trabaho. Doon, pag puyat ka,* the following day *wala o kaya gabi na ang* call. *Dito kahit puyat ka,* the following day *trabaho pa rin. Sa* talent fee, *siyempre mas malaki nakuha ko doon,* dollars *'yon eh, at saka* international."

(It's better there because the work day only lasts 12 hours at most. When you go to the set, you know what time you'll be going home, unlike here where you work and work until your back hurts. There, if you work late, you're not expected to work the next day, or you're given a later call time. Here, you work even if you haven't had enough sleep. As for talent fees, of course I got more because I was paid in dollars, using an international pay scale.)

One interesting scene in "The Maid" is shot in Lucky Plaza, the Singapore shopping mall that is the favored hangout of Pinay domestics on their day off. Alessandra says she didn't do too much research on the plight of Pinay DHs in Singapore, although she did get some insight into how they must feel.

"*Mahirap lang ang buhay ng mag-isa, kasi ako mismo naramdaman ko yon 'noong nag*-shooting *kami sa* Singapore," she recalls. "*Parang wala akong kakilala, wala akong kaibigan, pag may umaapi sa akin wala akong masabihan.*"

(It must be hard to be alone. I felt that when we started shooting in Singapore. I didn't know anyone, I had no friends, no one to tell my troubles to.)

The feeling of isolation soon passed, however, and after an initial feeling-out period, she says, she got on famously with the whole cast and crew. The only sour note was sounded by one snippy crew member with an apparent attitude problem about Alessandra, or was it just about Filipinos in general? But Alessandra says she soon sorted her out by flexing a little star power and a bit of her Filipino-Italian temper.

"*Kung dito 'yon sa Pilipinas, s'yempre tatalakan ko na yon,*" she says, not mincing words. "*Pero sumabog naman ako* after two months. *Nabigyan ko rin sya.*"

(If it happened here, I would have dressed her down. But I blew up after two months, and I gave her a piece of my mind.)

Good to her

All in all, the last couple of years have been good to Alessandra. When she first started out in show business, she was largely in the shadow of elder sister Assunta, who was then being built up as the hottest new sex symbol in tinseltown. Assunta's surprise wedding to congressman Jules Ledesma, however, cut her career short.

Alessandra had already shown promise in her first few films. Although she was initially promoted as a typical bubbly teen star in the TV series "Klik," those dark, expressive eyes were practically begging for more substantial roles. Casting directors seemed to delight in throwing her offbeat, dramatic character roles. She played a rape victim in her first film "Azucena," and a mentally-disturbed young girl in her second, "*Hubog.*"

As a result, Alessandra was spared the psychic trauma of having to go the "teen star" route, with the usual bull about love-teams and whatnot.

"*Hindi siguro nila ko ma*-imagine *na nagpapa*-tweetums," she says. "*Hindi rin siguro talaga bagay sa akin, kahit anong pilit ko.*"

(They couldn't imagine me playing sweet roles, and it wouldn't have suited me anyway.)

Instead, the trauma came with the media brouhaha over sister Alessandra's wedding to Jules Ledesma, and Alessandra's chronic inability to keep her displeasure and disapproval to herself. The showbiz press soon had a field day as the sisters battled it out in the media, with Jules and their mother also getting into the fray. If Alessandra had any illusions left about life in Philippine show business, they must have vanished soon after the experience.

In any case, Alessandra was soon too busy to dwell on what might have been. Apart from acting jobs, she soon broke into modeling, as well, after she was chosen by local apparel giant Bench to be one of its image models for a line of underwear. The Bench campaign soon had Alessandra's nubile form on prominent display in billboards throughout the metropolis.

As if that wasn't enough, she also landed a prominent spot on GMA's fantasy teleseries "Darna," playing the heroine's Medusa-like nemesis Valentina, an iconic role that has finally made her a household name.

Ironically, her recent successes have not made her more career-oriented. In fact, they seem to have had just the opposite effect.

"*Lalo yata akong tinamad,*" she says. "*Parang nadating mo na, tapos na, wala ka nang kailangan pang ipakita.*"

(I think I feel even less enthusiastic. Been there, done that. I don't have anything left to prove.)

In truth, she confesses, she's sick and tired of the showbiz grind, the endless shooting schedules, and especially of showbiz people.

"*Mas malaking problema kasi yung mga taong nakapaligid sa iyo,*" she says. "*Ang hirap kasing mabuhay nang ganoon, napakatotoo mong tao tapos ang nakapaligid sa iyo hindi. Walang pakialam. Pera lang iniisip. Hindi yata masaya yon.* So, *napagod na lang ako siguro.*"

(The bigger problem is the people

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Camille Dacanay-Mendoza's "Lovers" in ash-glaze forms part of her one-woman show featuring 30 functional stoneware pots, plates and vases, ongoing at Gallery 139, 3/L, Glorietta 4, Makati City until Oct. 19. The artist recently ventured into bronze sculpture. *For more of This Week, see page 7*

PIA AS INSPIRATION

I seldom find beauty but when I do, I can't help getting emotional and a little bit crazy, just like Nikolai Gogol's mad character. The loveliness of Senator Pia Cayetano ("Running and Biking to Help Children—and to Heal Herself," **SIM**, 25 September 2005), her angel face and her mind in particular, should come out more often to serve as an inspiration for the hopeless who see nothing but the ugly heads of many self-serving politicians.

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THE MIGHT IN MIKE

Great story. Very accurate. Well-written ("His Family Genes Are Too Strong, Especially for Malacañang," **SIM**, 2 October 2005). And now, please allow me to be angry: This bumbling beleaguered idiot in Malacañang should've known better than to monkey around with THIS particular Luz. I know Mike very well, have worked with him, and in fact, co-authored with him a book on Philippine corporate social development funded by the Philippine Business for Social Progress which he used as basis for his thesis when he went to Harvard University's John F. Kennedy School of Government for his master's degree in public administration. Up till the time they tried to push him around (tried, AND FELL FLAT ON THEIR STUPID, GUILTY FACES!), I've always kept my cool on Malacañang, much to the frustration of many of my colleagues, associates, friends, relatives, etc. Ha! Not anymore. This has turned the tide for me. Mike Luz is one of the most decent, kindest, right-thinking human beings who currently walk the face of this crazy country. No one can fault this guy where integrity, diligence and competence are concerned. I salute him for his courage in taking on this stupid administration. And for putting them in their place. This administration has, for me, really and FINALLY unraveled to reveal what it really is: SELF SERVING! INEPT! BANKRUPT! And the sooner it goes and the sooner this country is galvanized into one united whole to work for a more effective, better alternative, the better!

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Young Achievers

by Joy Rojas

Making A Pretty Picture In Front of— or Behind— the Lens

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"O know what Sara Black does, simply look around you. The photo of the three girls in the Jergens "Wear Your Skin Proud" billboards on Edsa, C5 and South Superhighway is by her, as are the portraits of singer Sarah Geronimo on her latest CD and screen heartthrobs Heart Evangelista and Geoff Eigenmann on a recent cover of the glossy Metro Magazine. Candy Magazine's Cindy Go says she loves working with Sara, and Philippine Star columnist Celine Lopez cited Black among her favorite photographers when she guested on the ANC show "Straight Talk." How could Black, all of 25 and with barely two years in the business, achieve so much in so short a time?

"I'm a racketeer," says the photographer whose images have also graced the pages of Preview, Summit publications, Y Star and the Rustan's Essences store. "When you do a good job, you get recommended a lot, so that by the end of the day you're up to your sixth referral already." In Black's case, it was her work for the now defunct Young Star magazine that got the ball rolling. Soon, the photographer had progressed from doing three shoots a week to three shoots a day, working almost the entire week, often up to the wee hours of the morning.

Rollercoaster ride

"But the industry is pretty seasonal, so sometimes you get to relax and sometimes you can't relax at all," she explains of her rollercoaster ride of a schedule. "Which is good, because I can't deal with routine."

Given her height and good looks, the photographer has often been told that she could make a killing if she stood in front of the camera, not behind it. But Black, who has been approached with offers to model since her younger years, could never be convinced. *"Ano kayo,* stalker?" she shot back at strangers who walked up to her at the mall. "I mean, how can you take these people seriously?"

Born to a British father and Filipino mother who export children's garments to a UK-based department store, Black was painfully shy as a child. At family reunions, she would lock herself inside her room and refuse to speak to relatives "because I thought I was an

Though pretty enough to pose for pictures, photographer Sara Black prefers the view from behind the camera, snapping away at subjects that are anything but ordinary

ugly duckling." While high school theater and six years of classical piano eventually brought her out of her shell, modeling remained out of the question. *"Ang feeling ko* noon, 'I'm an intellectual,'" says Black with a laugh when casting agents of her older brother (a former model now based in the States and employed in the field of IT) attempted to sway her with projects. "*Sobrang* bookworm. Nerd *talaga*."

If there was one thing that truly clicked, so to speak, it was photography. Black, who was six when she first held a camera, a Cabbage Patch model purchased by her mother at a Toys R Us, recalls no epiphany or light bulb moment. "And I was no child prodigy either," she assures. "It was just snap, snap, snap."

Still, it was enough to leave a lasting impression on her. At the Ateneo de Manila University where she majored in Communication, she chose photography under veteran lensman Pancho Escaler as an elective. "It came to a point where I had my camera with me everyday (she had since traded her Cabbage Patch for a Pentax) and the littlest thing that attracted me—a leaf that had fallen, or a bark of a tree—I would capture."

After college and a summer backpacking with friends in Europe, Black returned to Manila and spent sleepless nights wondering what she was going to do with her life. "So I thought, what could I do that's fun and could compensate me well?" Photography was the answer.

Generous mentor

As in college, Escaler proved a kind and generous mentor to Black, who apprenticed under him for a year. "Whenever I had so many questions, he'd go out of his way to sit down and explain things to me," she says. "But if anything, what I picked up from him was how gentle he was to his subjects. I think that's how he was able to bring out their good side. He made his models trust him enough to shoot them."

By contrast, Black's experiences before the camera where nothing short of a nightmare. "It's harder than it looks," says Black, who finally decided to give in to modeling offers so she could use the money she earned to set up her own photography studio. "Photographers either barked orders at you ('Don't move! Don't breathe! Don't even bat an eyelash!') or they'd tell you to move any way you want, then tell you to your face that what you're doing is ugly."

As for TV commercials, Black landed her big break, a Secret Deodorant ad, after diligently attending casting calls every other day for three straight months. The ad, which takes place in a gym, has Black exposing her armpits to a guy who thinks she's about to begin a workout. "Actually, I was just cooling down," she recites today with a cringe. "I hope you don't remember it!" The only reason she does is because a team of production people would routinely walk up to her and inspect her armpits up close. "It was mortifying!" she shudders. "I didn't know what I was getting myself into. But when you're there, you just have to be a pro about it."

Her second ad, the forgettable James Bond-inspired commercial for PLDT, required Black to run in stiletto boots for the entire shoot. "At the end of the day, I could have just borrowed the money from my parents. It wouldn't have been a big deal," says Black, who managed to save enough capital to strike out on her own with a Makati studio and equipment after six months. "But it will always be in my mind that I worked for this and I chose this."

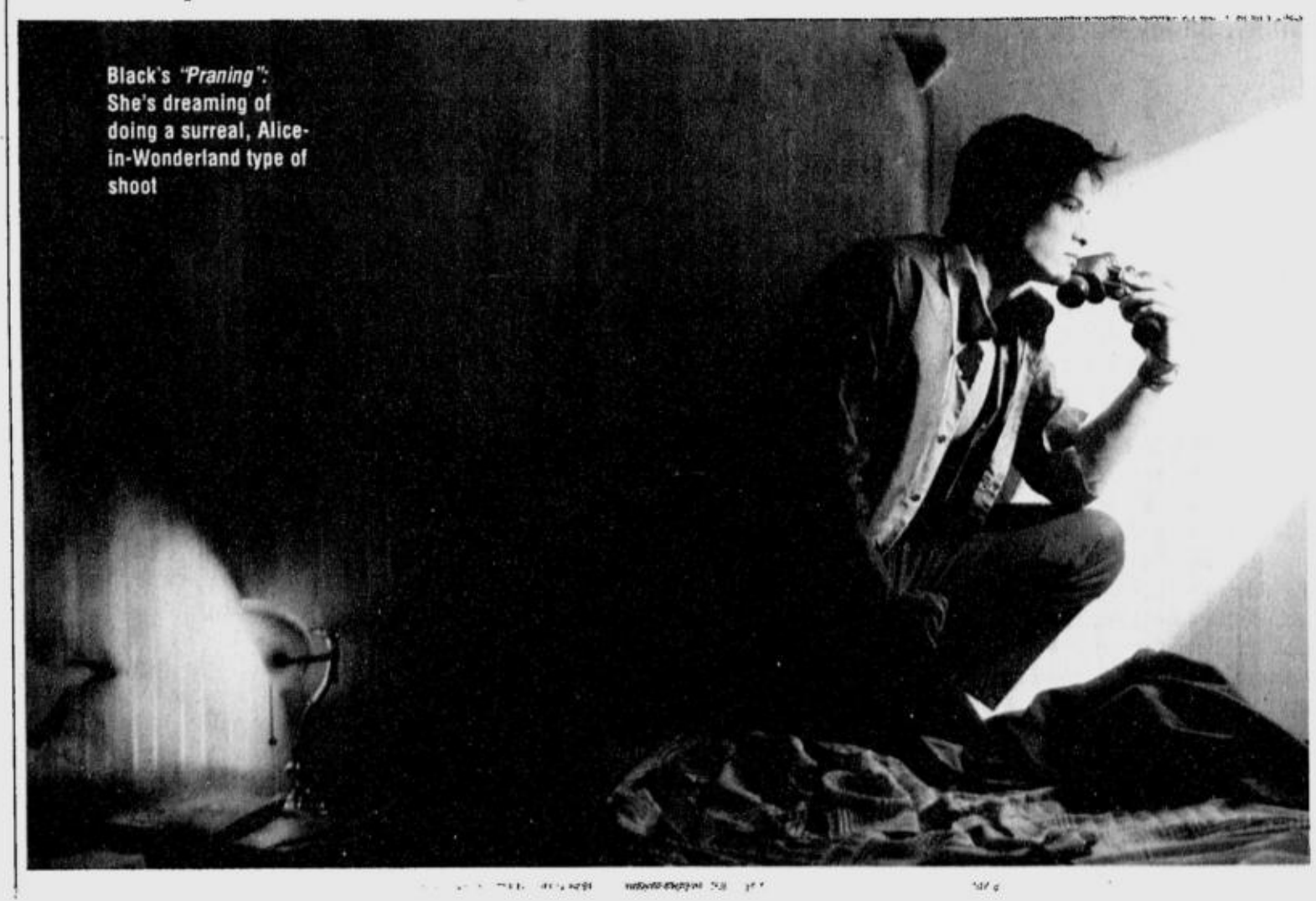
Out of the ordinary

These days, fashion-oriented advertising and editorial assignments fill up this photographer's plate, though she has been sought out to shoot subjects other than beautiful clothes and people. "Anything out of the ordinary" is what usually catches her eye. As such, her dream shoots are not the glamorous set-ups that she's now accustomed to. She'd like to attempt a surreal Alice-in-Wonderland pictorial "where you have several things going on at the same time," and shoot in weird places like on top of a mountain, in a kitchen or in a laundry room. As far as subjects are concerned, Black would like to amass self-portraits taken through the years "to see how I've changed and how I see myself." She's also interested in other people's faces, "interesting faces," she describes, "faces that tell a story."

Operating at the moment in "full-speed-ahead mode," leaves her little time to do what she enjoys in her spare time. She likes to read (Paulo Coelho, Ayn Rand, John Irving) and has drawn visual inspiration many times from the written word. She also likes to watch movies ("In The Mood For Love" is one of her all-time favorites). And travel ranks high on her list of things to do. Vowing to visit a new country every year, she began her promise by visiting Vietnam last year and is deciding between Japan and Nepal this year—that is, if she can pry herself away from the work. "I can't let go yet," she admits sheepishly. "But I'll find the time. When you travel, you learn so many things, it's always good to get a new perspective from something else." Grinning, she adds, "I have this wanderlust going on. Let's hope I can fulfill it."

Apparently, Black's insatiable appetite to explore and expand her horizons extends to her career. Her participation as one of the spokeswomen of Pond's Youthopia Crusade indicates that she hasn't entirely closed her doors to modeling. She also courts the idea of shifting from still pictures to moving ones. "Cinema interests me, but it's such a big task with so many elements involved," she says. "It's a whole different ball game, but if it's meant to be, I'll get there eventually."

Which is not to say that her passion for photography will wane. Rather, it will become part of the big picture that is Sara Black's life in progress. "I don't ever want to wake up and feel stuck in a profession because I made a choice that this was going to be it," she declares. "I want to live my life with the freedom that I can wake up thinking everyday can be a new adventure." Q



Black's *"Praning"*: She's dreaming of doing a surreal, Alice-in-Wonderland type of shoot

GUYITO Power

GUYITO, the official mascot of the Philippine Daily INQUIRER, takes centerstage as the newspaper marks its 20th anniversary in December. Festivities will be highlighted by the unveiling of 20 Guyito carabao sculptures based on the character created by chief cartoonist Jess Abrera, and translated into the three-dimensional version by sculptor Juan Sajid Imao.

The INQUIRER has invited 20 of the country's veteran and emerging artists to paint the fiberglass sculptures based on the anniversary theme, "The Power of Knowing." They are: Malang, Bencab, Kidlat Tahimik, Fernando Sena, Salvador Convocar, Soler, Steve Santos, Caña, Lydia Velasco, Ernesto Patricio, Bing Siochi, Roel Obemio, Tres Roman, Wilfredo Offemaria, Bin Samonte, Jef Samonte, Romeo Forbes, Rex Tatlonghari, Anton Balao and Jack Salud.

The carabao sculptures will be donated to 20 selected cities/municipalities nationwide, to be chosen based on their high schools' rankings in the Regional Finals of the Quiz Bee Competition. Miniature versions of the Guyito sculptures will be given to the top 20 companies that have supported the INQUIRER in the past two decades.

From January to May 2006, INQUIRER representatives will visit the 20 selected schools/cities to turn over the sculptures. In addition, an INQUIRER Campus Journalism Workshop will be held in each school. The one-day lecture/workshop will feature INQUIRER reporters, editors and columnists who will discuss specific journalism topics and share their expertise on effective writing, editing and layouting. The number of student participants will be determined by the school's available venue. Delegates will be given a handbook on journalism styles, methods, ethics and best practices.

INQUIRER president Alexandra Prieto-Romualdez said the complement of anniversary activities underscores the need for knowledge. In marking its 20th year, INQUIRER particularly hopes to motivate students to become achievers. "Through these projects, we hope to inspire the young to value reading and use it as a tool to attaining their dreams."

Sunday INQUIRER Magazine profiles the artists who have made the Guyito undertaking possible. ***SADG***

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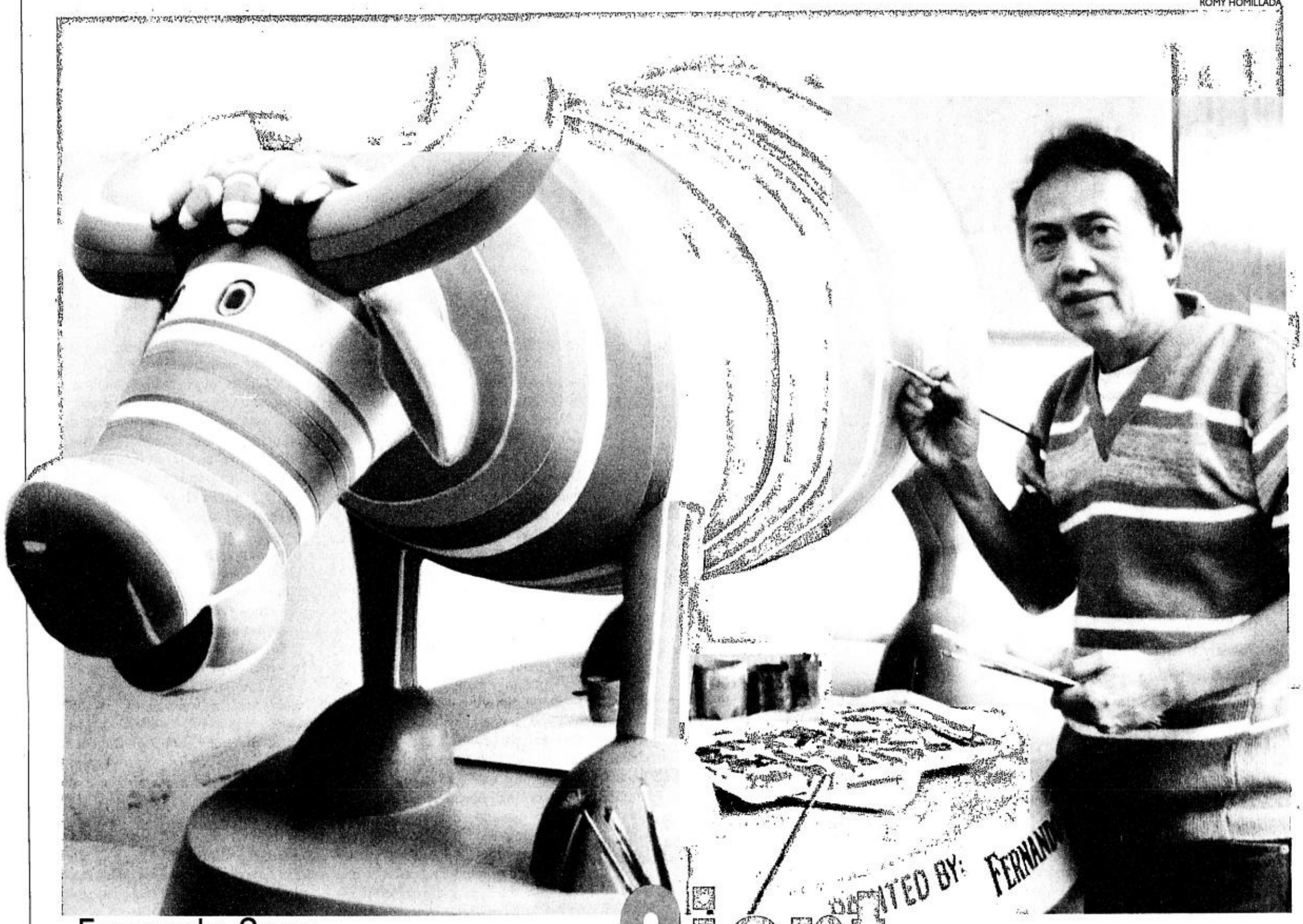


Fernando Sena

Abundance In A Giant 'Alkansiya'

by Susan A. de Guzman

When Fernando "Nanding" Sena first saw the Guyito sculpture he was to paint, it struck him that it looked like a giant *alkansiya* (piggy, er, carabao bank). "*Parang puwedeng maglagay ng barya sa loob para magtipid* (It looked like you could drop some coins inside to save)," Sena says with a chuckle.

The hollow, three-dimensional Guyito is a faithful representation of the cartoon character that Sena has come to know through the pages of the INQUIRER, down to the quirky clump of hair, the plumpish figure and the smiling face. "*Palabiro ang kalabaw na ito, pero may dating ang mga sinasabi niya* (This carabao jokes a lot but what he says makes sense)," comments Sena, who, incidentally, was the first among the 21 artists involved in the Guyito project to complete and submit his piece.

Striking colors

To match Guyito's animated features, the artist thought of adopting a playful design. His decision to use bold, striking colors was also influenced by his previous paintings of toys—the cast-off playthings of his kids—that he keeps in a display box at home.

The artist coded Filipino meaning into the bright colors that adorn this shiny, happy Guyito

"By choice, it's a simple design but grand. I covered Guyito in stripes, *paikot* (curved all around), to denote movement because the carabao is always on the go—*masipag*," Sena explains. "There is a combined play on colors, lines and shapes."

The colors Sena used are reminiscent of shiny candy wrappers and foils. But the artist notes that they actually symbolize Philippines attributes—yellow for wealth, blue for dignity, orange for service, red for bravery, white for purity, green for youth and black for strength. Sena believes that Filipinos are able to weather the rough times because they have such values to fall back on, hence the title of his piece "*Kaban ng Bayan*" (The National Treasury).

Sena is a prolific artist, painting in different styles as his muse dictates. He is known for his trademark series such as the "*Merienda* Sena" (still lifes), "*Senario*" (landscapes), "*Hugis* Sena" (nudes) and "*Semana* Sena" (religious figures) which have been featured in exhibits held in various venues all over Metro Manila. A member of the Saturday Group, he makes sure to join the art organization's weekly sketching and painting sessions.

Key motivation

But Sena considers his being a renowned art teacher as important as being an artist. After all, he has been at it for over 30 years, mentoring kids, teens and adults in workshops he offers throughout the year. These lessons earn for Sena a modest secondary income, but his key motivation in holding them is to help develop and nurture interest and talent in the arts. This is also why he plans to publish a manual, encapsulating the lessons—on drawing, coloring, the different art techniques—that he has given through the decades.

Sena says he gets a certain satisfaction as an art educator, especially when his former students become successful in their own right and are able to hold their own exhibits and, in some cases, become art teachers themselves. "It's already an extension of what I've been doing, being passed on to another generation. I am very happy about it because whether they acknowledge me or not, I know I was part of their education."

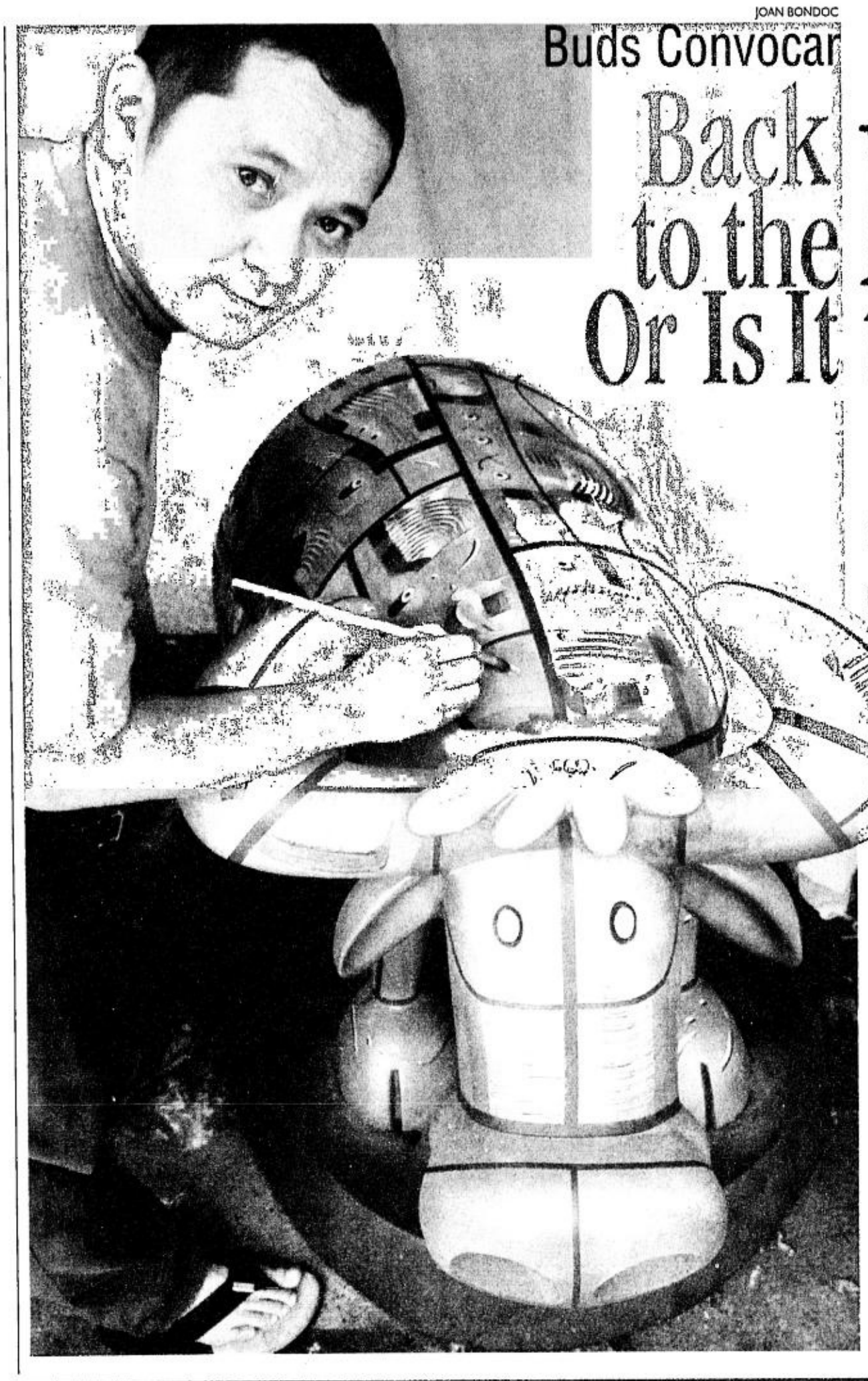
Having completed his fine arts studies at the University of the East as a scholar of the Children's Museum and Library, Inc., Sena wants to impart art lessons in the same spirit of generosity to those who can't afford them. Today, as president of the Art Discovery and Learning Foundation, Inc., he continues to hold free art classes for indigent children; the foundation currently also has three art scholars at the UP College of Fine Arts.

Effusive thanks

Working on Guyito, says Sena, brought back memories of his 1978 trip to Nueva Ecija, where he conducted a free art workshop for children of poor community folk. One farmer was effusive in thanking him. It turned out that the farmer had poor eyesight and had difficulty spotting his carabao out in the field. But after the workshop, the farmer could easily find the animal because his son—apparently inspired by Sena's lessons—had painted it in different colors!

For his Guyito, Sena chose bright hues in acri (a water paint) to make the entire piece attractive—in stark contrast to the beast of burden that in real life is colored black or gray. Sena hopes his carabao will draw children in particular as, for him, it really looks like a toy. Or, as he gleefully points out, like a giant *alkansiya*.

JOAN BONDOC



Buds Convocar

Back to the Future— Or Is It the Past?

The head of the prolific Saturday Group of Artists reinterprets his ancient inspirations with a 'high-tech' twist

by Susan A. de Guzman

SALVADOR "Buds" Convocar purposely veered away from using a rustic theme for Guyito. "I wanted to give it a twist, so instead of making a rural design, which is what you'd instantly think of, I made mine a 'high-tech' carabao. I wanted a look that would catch attention and make people think about how it was done," Convocar says.

His design is not a literal interpretation of technology, however, but rather one that uses hints of it. There are grids and lines that recall a computer's mechanism, and what look like space-age markings. Using tones of blue and green, Convocar added a metallic finish to further give the carabao a radical feel.

Futuristic motif

Convocar has been experimenting with this futuristic motif in his paintings for several years now, with the latest batch to be featured in an exhibit at the West Gallery this month. Curiously, the artist's exploration of this theme evolved from a museum exhibit about the extinct Mayan civilization, featuring ornate accessories and ritual objects. These, combined with his interest in ancient structures such as the pyramids and in books written by Erich von Daniken—who claimed that aliens could have been prehistoric man's ancestors—subsequently found interpretation in Convocar's works. First, there were 3-D billboards, then plates and finally, paintings.

The artist's fascination with unusual forms such as crop circles and odd landmarks like the huge drawings and lines in Nazca, Peru, were soon added into the mix. Convocar also gleaned inspiration from the *alibata,* an ancient Philippine alphabet, in making stylized letterings that occasionally appear in his pieces.

"To me, there is sort of a time warp in the convergence of the designs. Are these ancient markings or were they actually left behind by aliens? It's like a spiral where you don't really know where one ends and the other begins," Convocar says.

Eagerly anticipated

The Guyito project has given him an opportunity to contemplate this conundrum once more. But this time, instead of a flat canvas, he had a three-dimensional figure to do it on—a prospect that he eagerly anticipated when the Guyito idea was first broached to him. It seems that in 2000, Convocar had been in New York and had viewed one of the most amaz-

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by Alya B. Honasan

Making Heavy Metal Feel As Light As Air

There's a new ethereal quality to the work of sculptor Gabby Barredo, and it's coming from the inner peace and contentment that this creative artist has slowly achieved in his life

MANDY NAVASERO

ALMOST 30 years after he won his first art prize and some 20 years after his first exhibit, after many more shows and accolades for those kinetic sculptures that move and chime and shimmer in a sensual art overload, the fact remains: Gabriel "Gabby" Barredo is still a self-confessed nervous wreck.

"The more people see my work, the more nervous I get," he says one rainy afternoon in his Las Piñas home, across the street from his studio, where the found objects and scrap metal that are the lifeblood of his work are deposited like piles of treasure. Right now, there are curtains of old film salvaged from a friend's studio hanging from trees, alongside elongated, stylized women's torsos. Several artworks feature springs from old cellphones and the metal fasteners from tins of shoe polish, painstakingly taken apart and arranged into sublime patterns.

Like a diary

"It's like you're naked, right?" says Barredo of showing his work to people for the first time. A cool white outfit clothes this bundle of nervous energy, who talks fast and is eternally moving, although he seems more relaxed than he was since we last met some years ago. "People can make you look stupid. It's like a diary, you're exposed to the public, and they can pass judgment—what a sick, sleazy guy." He was an awful child, Barredo says with a laugh. "I come from a family of performers, like the Partridge Family, and I was the one always finding reasons not to be part of it."

Barredo, who was born in Manila 47 years ago and actually majored in advertising at the University of Santo Tomas, is aware that many art patrons and movers would like to see him out there—as in, on the international market. But for him, "It doesn't matter. I'm happy here even if I'm not exposed. I've always been unambitious. I do this for myself, and if it makes waves, then I'm lucky. I do it for me—my need to create and express myself. This is my language. That's why I get nervous when people ask me to explain. I don't have the gift of gab."

Being an artist has put Barredo way out there, however, and his upcoming show, "(In)visible," which runs at the Ayala Museum from October 13 to November 6, shows that Barredo isn't that shy when it comes to his visual language. It's his first show since 1999, and there's a certain lightness that wasn't there before. "A lot of people say that," he says thoughtfully. "I guess I'm feeling better about myself. That's good."

Barredo titled the show "(In)visible," "because everything that comes into my head is invisible," he explains. "We don't know what it is we're looking for when we search for things within ourselves. I try to put it in my head, and this is what I see."

What the viewer doesn't see is how much preparation goes into a show. The hardest part is having to deal with administrators who try to make things difficult, he reveals with a laugh. "But always, I prepare for a show meticulously, even if you don't know what things will look like. But somehow, even if it all looks really crazy, things will fall into place."

Part of being

By his own admission, Barredo is a lot more content nowadays, especially after coming home from a short-lived stint abroad that had some people believing the artist had left town for good. But he never felt comfortable in Singapore, he admits. "I didn't have a car, I didn't know where the junkyards were, I couldn't find my stuff. There was a lot of walking. Can you imagine me walking around with my stuff? *Di ko ma*-feel *ang lugar*. I couldn't work in that environment. Junk is dirty, and how can you be dirty in Singapore?"

With his silver figures seemingly caught in mid-flight or bursting open with rays of light, doesn't Barredo believe in angst anymore? "It's a part of our being, whether we like it or not. But now it's a pain that's bearable. At my age, what more can I go through, and I've been through a lot? I needed all those experiences, but it's no longer such a big deal. When you're younger, you don't know your direction. It's easier to go on with life knowing that you're okay."

What has probably changed most, Barredo says, is that he has learned to acknowledge "that I'm really blessed, and that bad things can happen, but I know now there's always a solution."

Today, he says, he's happy as long as "I can pay my workers." He loves gardening and occasionally cooking, is a perpetual homebody, is always catching up on sleep, and relishes short trips to the grocery, his workshop, his mother's house a couple of blocks away, or a friendly neighborhood bar owned by a good friend. "It's so the opposite now of what I used to want. I really like being alone."

That's one reason why Barredo hasn't had a relationship in years. "I give too much of myself. Some people get inspired, but not me. When I get involved I know my art will suffer, so I have to make a choice." He's not immune to loneliness—"It's nice to wake up beside somebody, prepare food"—but he's handling it pretty well.

That doesn't mean there isn't anyone important in his life, though. Barredo is the father of a 2 1/2-year-old adopted little girl named Cristina, who helps him "discover new things all the time, and gives me a reason to go on." It began when Barredo noticed how attached he would get to his assistant's children, "and every time they moved it was like death to me!" he says emphatically. "I wish I had my own flesh and blood, but that's impossible."

Easy to please

When the child was offered to him, she was "seven months old and really scary looking." Although he confesses he's no hands-on dad and the sight of poo and blood still makes him panic, knowing that Cristina depends on her "Daddy," as she calls him, has brightened up his life. "There are so many magical things about being a parent. She is so inquisitive and smart, it really makes you want to direct her and raise her properly. I want to give her the best, even when I feel I'm not." The bonding wasn't immediate, and for the first year-and-a-half, the child was just someone Barredo wanted to help. "But now I have to see her everyday, I have to know what's going on. I take her places, and we go out and eat. *Mababaw na ang kaligayahan ko* (I'm easy to please now)."

What does make him happy is the freedom to create, which even his clients are giving him. "If I like you..." he says with a laugh. "But it's nice to be able to choose! I'm possessive about my work. And if the person buying was an a-hole... I'm not rich, but even if I were desperate I probably still wouldn't sell."

A commissioned work by Barredo means "total freedom, and it usually turns out better that way," he says. "I'm lucky to work with people who let me do what I want." It was Bea Zobel Jr. who invited Barredo to show at the Ayala Museum, and who, in Barredo's words, has "allowed me to fly."

Not that he's going anywhere soon. "Manila is home, despite all the *gulo* (politicking). Besides, it's not easy to ship all this stuff anywhere else. Let's see what happens. I don't plan, but I know I'm staying here. I don't want to compete." What for? By staying true to his art and himself, Gabby Barredo has already won.

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ing public-art exhibitions he had ever seen—one featuring fiberglass cows scattered on city streets. The cows, which had been painted or embellished by artists, boasted a profusion of designs.

"Having seen that exhibition, I could already imagine that there would a diversity in the styles of the artists for Guyito," Convocar says. "The Guyitos, when gathered all together, will have an impressive impact. People, even those who are not art enthusiasts, will be excited to see it."

For his Guyito, Convocar first applied solid blue acrylic paint. He drew grid-like patterns similar to the look of electronic parts, and put in a number of those ancient-modern elements he has taken such a liking to. By shading specific parts of the carabao's body, he created an illusion of shadows and added dimension. He then used gold and silver leaf to achieve a metallic appearance, and sprayed polyurethane on the whole piece to give it sheen.

"I prefer using polyurethane over varnish because it provides more contrast as it deepens the dark colors. It also serves as protection for the painting, which will not fade easily even when it's exposed to the elements," explains Convocar.

Friendly atmosphere

When not busy painting, participating in special projects or joining art competitions (he was adjudged one of the Top 5 Watercolorists for 2004 at the 21st Kulay sa Tubig), Convocar fulfills his duties as president of the Saturday Group. With the help of the art group's "elders" such as Malang and Cris Cruz, he sees to it that members stick to their weekly gatherings, where they get to work and socialize with their peers.

Every Saturday, they make it a point to hold painting and sketching sessions, trade tips and encourage one another in a friendly atmosphere. That spirit of camaraderie and the pursuit of excellence in the arts as fostered by the Saturday Group's pioneers are two ideals that Convocar tries to continue under his helm.

Theirs is one of the most active art groups around, conducting year-round activities such as group shows and fund-raising exhibits for good causes. One of their recent efforts was a fund-raiser for Bantay Bata, a shelter for abused children, which featured some 150 works resulting from the group's art session in San Pablo, Laguna and at the La Mesa Dam Eco-park.

When it turns 40 in three years' time, the Saturday Group is also hoping to launch a commemorative coffeetable book. "The group has so much history already. I hope we can do justice to what the giants of Philippine art have achieved."

Art

Deadline, a series of paintings depicting Charlie Co's personal view on what is happening to our nation and in many other countries alike, until Oct. 9 at Galleria Duemila, 4/L, SM Megamall A. For details, call 634-3261.

Hand-Hewn Royalty, hand-colored royal lithographs of the Philippine birds circa 18th century matched with varied samples of handsome-looking Philippine wood transformed into furniture by Dr. Nelson Cabaluna, until Oct. 10 at Hiraya Gallery, 530 UN Avenue, Ermita, Manila. For details, call 523-3331.

Toti Cerda's *"Munting Bisita ng Tabing-Dagat,"* on exhibit at Gallery Genesis

Innocent When You Dream, an exhibit by husband and wife artist tandem of Yasmin Sison and Mariano Ching at Finale Art Gallery, 4/L, SM Megamall A until Oct. 11. The artists use dream-like imagery of children and toys as a metaphor for youth.

Gallery Genesis holds a back-to-back exhibit by Toti Cerda and Bert Panes titled ***Tubig at Langis*** at the Art Center, 4/L, SM Megamall A until Oct. 11. Cerda is known for his suite of children's activities while Panes is known for landscapes.

The World At My Feet, a solo exhibit by Phyllis Zaballero at Museum Space of the Ayala Museum until Oct. 13. For details, call 634-3261.

Boston Gallery (72 Boston corner Lantana Sts., Cubao, QC) presents three simultaneous solo exhibits until Oct. 19. On view at the Lower Gallery is **September Green**, an exhibit of recent landscapes by Jim Orencio. In contrast is Erwin Leaño's **Landscapes** at the Upper Gallery. At the Alcove is Willie Espino's first series of works using an expressionist palette. For details, call 722-9205.

Music

Wednesday nights will be **Jazz Nights** starting this month at Mag:net Café Katipunan in Quezon City. Scheduled to perform are Balooze (Oct. 12), Salindiwa (Oct. 19), Affinity (Oct. 26). Its nightly gigs start at 9. Also set to perform on other nights are Mishka Adams, Cynthia Alexander, Karl Roy, Dong Abay, and bands like Indio I, Drip, Sound and Blow. For reservations, call 929-3191 and 435-2631.

Mario O'Hara and Irma Adlawan-Marasigan in Tanghalang Pilipino's *"Ang Pokpok ng Ohio"*

Graduating students of the Dept. of Voice, Musical Theater and Dance of the College of Music, UP Diliman are staging their recital production, **L'Elisir D'Amore**, a fanciful comic opera on Oct. 12 and 14 at the Nicanor Abelardo Hall. Free admission. One ticket seats two. For ticket reservations, call 0917-8580734.

Onstage

Internationally acclaimed flamenco dancer Sara Baras is set to perform on Oct. 11, 8 p.m. at the CCP Main Theater in **Sueños (Dreams)**, an eloquent suite of dances, traditional flamenco at its purest and finest and a perfect showcase for Baras' dazzling talent. For inquiries, call 891-5610.

Gantimpala Theater Foundation presents **Ibong Adarna**, the popular Filipino folk tale about the mystical bird whose magical voice and evocative songs have the power to heal people cursed with incurable sickness. Performances are slated Oct. 20 (10 a.m./2 p.m., Sylvia P. Lina Theater, De La Salle-Santiago Zobel, Ayala-Alabang); Oct. 21 (10 a.m./2 p.m., RFC Cinema Theater, Las Piñas City). For tickets, call 899-5745 or 896-3503.

Bicol's Delight sightseeing tour takes you to the foot of Mayon Volcano

Mario O'Hara's award-winning **Ang Palasyo ni Valentin** will be on stage at the new Peta Theater Center at 5 Sunnyside Drive, Barangay Kristong Hari, Quezon City. It is a love story in zarzuela set in a place called Palacio where each night, Valentin's drunken stupor brings him back to his colorful memories of the past as the brilliant pianist of the Palacio's orchestra, the beautiful singer Diding, who was the love of his life, and Señor Alfonso, the obsessive don who wanted Diding for his own. To be staged on Oct. 9, 13-16 with shows at 2:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. For tickets, call 410-0822.

Tanghalang Pilipino stages the poetic drama **The Whore From Ohio**, about an old beggar who, on his 70th birthday, fritters his life savings to celebrate in the arms of a prostitute, but doesn't "rise up to the occasion." It stars Mario O'Hara, Irma Adlawan-Marasigan and young thespian Paolo Rodriguez. The play runs at the CCP Studio Theater until Oct. 23, with matinees at 3 p.m. on Saturdays and Sundays, and evening shows at 8 p.m. on Fridays and Saturdays. For details, call 832-1125 locals 1620/1621.

Ballet Philippines presents **Da Capo#1: Playing Maestro Ryan Atbp.** on Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at the CCP Main Theater. Cayabyab's stirring arrangements of some of the most well loved Filipino love songs and other musical pieces will be interpreted in dance form by Ballet Philippines choreographers led by Bam Damian, Alden Lugnasin, guest choreographer Tony Fabella and Ballet Philippines' very own Irish Abejero, Novy Bereber and Christine Crame. For ticket inquiries, call 832-6011 or 551-1003.

Koine Theater Foundation has extended the staging of its hit plays **SAWI: Single Ako Warning Ito** and **Starring Miss Lea Salonda** every Fridays and Saturdays of October at 7:30 p.m. at the One Acts Theater, 2/F, Forab Building, 121 Kamuning Road, QC. Reserved seating only. For reservations, call 410-4485 or 0916-5251038.

Food

The Quezon City Tourism Council launches the **Q-ulinary Food Festival**, a celebration of good eating and fine dining at the two anchor venues of Araneta Center (Oct. 9) and Eastwood City (Oct. 21-23). It aims to boost the city as the preferred destination of people for dining, sightseeing, shopping and family leisure. The festival will focus on the superb dining experiences available at the Araneta Center in Cubao and Eastwood City in Libis, two of the newest centers of dining and entertainment in Metro Manila.

Atbp

Philippine Daily Inquirer, Anvil Publishing and Powerbooks will co-host a **seminar on The Art and Science of Producing a Daily Newspaper** on Oct. 15, 10 a.m. to 12 p.m. at Powerbooks in Greenbelt 4, Makati City. Speakers are Inquirer President Alexandra Prieto Romualdez, publisher Isagani Yambot, associate editor Abel Ulanday and Sunday Inquirer's Ruel de Vera Interested schools may reserve with Anvil Publishing, tel. 747-1622. Admission is free, limited seats are available. Registration starts at 9 a.m.

The Fashion & Design Council of the Philippines and Saga Events will present **Philippine Fashion Trends '06**, a gala fashion show to celebrate 10 years of fashion and events innovation, on Oct. 11, 6 p.m. at the Edsa Shangri-La Isla Ballroom. The event will unveil Spring-Summer fashion forecast 2006 of the FDCP crafted from a range of fabrics in prêt-a-porter and couture with looks inspired by the sixties, military-nautical and Russian peasant vogue. For details, call 884-1543 and 721-3931.

Forefront Migration will hold a **Business Migration to Canada and Britain** on Oct. 13, 6-8 p.m. at The Continental Dining Room. Timothy E. Leahy, a practicing US and Canadian lawyer, will be speaking about how business-owners' children may attend school in Canada or Britain without having to pay foreign tuition. The Canadian programs are for business owners possessing a net work of P15M and willing to operate a business in Canada. Migrants to Britain must have an investment of P20M within two years. For details, call 896-4669 and 729-1095.

There will be a **free Vegetarian Cooking Demo** on Oct. 15 at Powerbooks, Greenbelt 4 from 4-6 p.m. to be conducted by Nona Lema, author of "Gulay, A Filipino Vegetarian Recipe Book Series" available at National Bookstore and Powerbooks.

The Federation of Philippine Photographers Foundation will conduct a four-Sunday **basic photo course** starting Oct. 16. Registration is on a first-come, first-served basis. For details, call 843-5341 and 813-7320 or visit its office at the 7/F, Comfoods Building, Sen. Gil Puyat Avenue corner Chino Roces Avenue, Makati.

The **Philippine Animal Welfare Society** is holding the following **events**: Oct 15: Pet Heroes Day, Coffee Bean & Tea Leaf Restaurant at Eastwood City, Libis, 4 p.m.; Oct. 22, 6 p.m. onwards: Alibata, oracles, runes, bones, atbp-a tribal, psychic wiccan concert/party & fair at Tribu Bar & Grill, 75 B. Gonzales cor. Xavierville Ave., Loyola Heights, QC. Check out PAWS booth at the Halloween event of its friends at Oracle Clan. For those attending the party, tickets are priced at P300. For inquiries, call Dana of Oracle at 533-7965. Oct. 23: Scaredy Cats & Dogs, a Halloween costume party at Eastwood Central Plaza, Eastwood City, Libis at 3:30 p.m. For details, call PAWS at 475-1688.

Natural Eyesight Workshop. Relearn to see easily and clearly using the Bates Method of natural vision care as well as other holistic self-healing and relaxation techniques. Free intro lecture on Oct. 15, 3:30 p.m. at InTouch Community Services, 48 McKinley Rd., Makati. For details, call 893-1893 or 810-6233. Workshop proper starts Oct. 22.

X-manila

Join the three-day sightseeing tour, **Bicol's Delight**, from Oct. 14-16 and see the scenic spots of Legazpi, Camalig, Donsol, Bulusan and Sorsogon City such as the Cagsawa Ruins, Mayon Volcano, Daraga Church and the Bulusan Lake. Package inclusive of 3 days/2 nights accommodation, meals stated in the itinerary, all transfers in Legazpi and Sorsogon, sightseeing tours, and services of a professional tour guide. For package rates and details, call 896-1910, 896-1893 and 896-7569.

Infinite Vision (solo show of Carlos "Totong" Francisco II), **Re-veil** (solo show of Winner Jumalon), **Pigments of the Imagination** (three-women show of Nelia Lungay, Estela Ocampo-Fernandez and Cristina Taniguchi), and **Imahe sa Banakal** (driftwood assemblages of Alan Rapsing) will be on exhibit at Nineveh Artspace, Villa Silangan Sta. Cruz, Laguna until Oct. 10. For details, call Loule Sevilla at (049) 808-6617 or (0916) 772-0368.

Sungki

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- Virgin Café : QC (926-7982)
- '70s Bistro: 46 Anonas St., QC (922-0492)
- Hobbit House: 1801 Mabini St., Malate, Manila (521-7604)
- Strumm's: El Pueblo, Ortigas (637-3009)

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who surround you. It's hard to live this way, trying to be honest when the people around you are not, and are only interested in money. It's no fun, I'm so tired of it.)

No personal life

If she had her way, she says, she'd just save up enough, chuck it all in and start a business, or do something else other than showbiz.

Of course, this could just be the stress talking. All work and no play has put Alessandra in serious need of decompression. Since Assunta's marriage, her mother has moved back to Italy and Alessandra has been on her own. Most of her friends, she says, have also left to work abroad. The few that remain are, like her, too busy working to have much time for any semblance of normal life.

"Wala na nga akong personal life, *eh,"* she complains. *"Hindi na ako gumi-*gimmick. *Hindi ako magimik na tao. Dati noong nandito pa ang mga* best friends *ko, lalabas kami, magma-*mall, *magkakape, tapos sa bahay mag-*Scrabble. *Ganoon ka-*boring. *Kaya lang wala na silang lahat, may trabaho na sa* States, *'yung isa sa* Dubai. *Kung sakaling gusto kong lumabas, wala din akong kasama, kaya bahay na lang ako."*

(I don't have a personal life. I don't go out. When my best friends were here, we'd go out, go to the mall, have coffee, play Scrabble. I know, boring. But now they're gone, working in the States and Dubai. Even if I wanted to go out, I have no one to go with, so I just stay home.)

Alessandra says she has told her manager Manny Valera that she's giving herself another five years in show business before throwing in the towel.

Wouldn't that be a shame, considering that she'll only be 26 five years from now?

*"Hindi naman sayang, kasi kahit pa-*paano *meron ka naman narating, meron ka na ring napatunayan, meron ka na ring ipagmamalaki."*

(It wouldn't be a waste, because you've gotten somewhere, you've proven something, and you have something to be proud of.)

Alessandra says all she needs is a "Best Actress" award, and she'll be good to go.

Let's just hope she gets a second wind.

The coziest bridal fair comes your way *vedi vedi* soon...

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In Memoriam

by Menchu Aquino Sarmiento

The Unlikely Warrior Who Made His Enemies Look Ridiculous

Lawyer William Chua spent his short life defending the poor and hitting back at the powerful with witty underground publications—and a swipe at the head when the judge wasn't looking

With one of his "best and brightest friends" Maris Diokno

THE LATE William T. Chua made an unlikely warrior. "Thin, stooped and tubercular" was how he described himself at 18, just like a scholar of ancient China in the Confucian Analects. Though nearly six feet tall, he barely tipped the scales at 100 lbs. in his youth.

As advancing years brought him closer to the 200-lb mark, one joked that she knew him when he was half the man he would become. The only male in the law firm Yorac, Arroyo, Chua, Caedo & Coronel, the young William resembled those smiling, pixieish, sloe-eyed choir-boys with tip-tilted noses on gilded *estampitas* (religious stamps).

But there was more of the imp than the cherub in him. Very few of us suspected that he had a secret identity in the radical underground with the nom-de-guerre *Ka* Ch—purposely androgynous to keep the authorities guessing. He eluded government agents while hidden in a sympathetic La Salle professor's car trunk. He was the comic genius behind such anti-Marcos publications as Sick of the Times. "Lord, make my enemies look ridiculous," was his answered prayer. Justice Irene Cortes, then UP Law Dean, blanched but said nothing, when she came upon him putting together issues of Liberation (a newsletter of the communist underground) in an empty classroom. Then First Daughter Imee Marcos was next door, and the presidential security guards prowled the corridors. When his law class first went to Malacañang for Imee's private graduation ceremony, the place settings were sterling silver with the Republic of the Philippines insignia. These made great souvenirs. The next time they dined at Malacañang, the service was lowly stainless steel.

No angry young man

William never let ideology get in the way of his friendships or his humanity, even when former comrades later betrayed him. He was the best of friends with Pol Poblador, Imee's favorite legal resource person. He was no angry young man, and teased UP Law contemporary Fely Aquino for being a "socialite activist." They were partners in two law firms, and she is *ninang* to his only daughter.

William married his college sweetheart, the lovely Betty Ong. But he couldn't even afford to buy back the life-size blow-up of their wedding photo which was displayed in the photographer's window. Filipinos assume that the Chinese among us have the best of it, but William knew what it was like to be poor. His maternal grandfather, a mere coolie, was beaten to death during the Maoist Revolution. His desperate widow sent her older children to whoever would take them in. That was how William's mother So Ngo became a bond servant as a child. As she bloomed into young womanhood, she was shipped to Manila and married off to William's much older father. It was a stormy union and an ill-fated match. So Ngo was practically abandoned with their four sons. William was the third.

At times, So Ngo was reduced to scrounging for *kangkong* (swamp cabbage)and *kamote* tops growing on vacant lots just to feed her sons. But she was determined they would rise beyond this hardscrabble existence. She borrowed money to buy a sack of dried *dilis* (local anchovies), which she fried and repacked into snack-sized bags. She sold these to gamblers in Chinese gambling houses who were too caught up in their game to even rise for a proper meal. As she prospered, she put up a gift shop and later became a successful jeweler. William's wife Betty and his younger brother Peter helped her in this business.

So Ngo wanted only the best Chinese school for her sons. It took her a while to realize this, so William's eldest brother Robert (now an investment banker) enrolled in Xavier School at the same time as the second brother, George, now a real estate developer and banker. "We must have been the only boys in Xavier School who had to commute," William recalled. He was never bitter about the privations they endured.

Staunch advocate

Money never held William in its thrall. So Ngo would have been proud to know that William later received the 2003 Dr. Jose Rizal Award (from the Filipino-Chinese Chamber of Commerce) and the Parangal Lingkod Sambayanan (posthumous, Ateneo de Manila) for his human rights work. It's unusual for a Chinese lawyer to be such a staunch advocate for labor unions and peasant leaders who are often seen as victims of the oppressive system of Chinese taipans. William also fearlessly prosecuted kidnapping syndicates as the legal counsel for the Citizen's Action Against Crime led by the equally intrepid Teresita Ang-See, another exceptional woman whom he was proud to call his friend. Having come of age when press freedom and the right to information were virtually crushed by the juggernaut of Marcos' martial law, he defended artists, publishers and writers like renowned filmmaker Lino Brocka, the INQUIRER's Eggie Apostol and the Philippine Center for Investigative Journalism's Sheila Coronel. He upheld every Filipino's Constitutional right to freedom of information in my own case against then Censors' chief Manuel Morato.

A soft spot

William had a soft spot for journalists, as he was one himself. On a night out with some newshens, they sat in the shadows sipping their beers and wistfully marveling at the graceful couples spinning on the dance floor because they all had two left feet. He comforted them, "Maybe they can dance, but can they write?"

When William began working, he unfailingly gave his mother a portion of his earnings. Years later, he learned that she kept these sums intact for his children. So Ngo had the gift of making each of her sons feel he was her favorite. But the years of hardship took their toll and she became seriously ill before the age of 60. Still, she refused to have any of her sons give her their blood. So Ngo never wanted them to lack for anything even if it meant sacrificing herself.

His own parents' failed marriage convinced William that whom one marries determines the course of one's adult life. Two of his best and brightest friends are women who never married: the historian and academic Maris Diokno who could drink him under the table any day, and Haydee Yorac, who later became his law partner. As Valentine's Day drew nigh, Haydee inevitably reminded William: "Chua, *yung bulaklak ko, baka magmukha akong kawawa* (Chua, don't forget my flowers; I might look pathetic)." Her former student always obliged with a jaw-dropping arrangement and a box of choice chocolates for "Ma'am."

William was also known for letting loose his inner anarchic streak. In court against an obnoxious Canadian businessman who was twice his size, William smacked his opponent on the side of his head with a pile of folders when the judge wasn't looking. The other guy would bridle and bellow in pain (he had an ear infection), but by then, William would have his hands sedately folded. This happened several times till the two nearly came to blows and the judge threatened to cite the foreigner for contempt or at least have him removed.

No party pooper

In mid-2004, William learned he had inoperable pancreatic cancer. He quipped that he always knew he would die young, but he didn't realize it would be so soon. He was only 49. Still, he thought it a hoot when the well-meaning son of a colleague tried to console him by chirping: "Well, *Tito*, since you know how long you have left, you can atone and prepare. Think of the rest of us who never know when we'll go." He was never conventionally religious, but asked a priest if his having put 95 kidnappers on death row might have resulted in his affliction. The priest assured him that he had always been on the side of justice. It was not he, but the courts that had convicted these criminals and not he, but the state that would eventually put them to death.

After 20 years of lawyering, William's dreams of a lasting change for this country seems to be fading. But he was no party pooper. When a clerk whom he had helped through dialysis and a kidney transplant became hysterical at seeing him so ill, he declared that he wished everyone else would lighten up. He had collected over 2,000 DVDs, including cartoons for the grandchildren he would never see, and he said he was determined to watch as many of them as he could.

William wanted to make it to Christmas but he died peacefully on the same day as movie actor FPJ, and in the same hospital. He would surely have appreciated this picaresque final exit in close proximity to such extravagant fame. His batchmates, the Xavier School '72 Dragons, have named their Educational Trust Fund in his honor. For sure, his legacy will live on in the many acts of kindness that will continue to be done in his name. Q

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Partners in law: Chua (third from right) with former law partner and now Supreme Court Justice Adolf Azcuna, Fely Aquino-Arroyo, Haydee Yorac, Laly Martinez Caedo and Sandy Coronel

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Holding hands, kissing during Mass spark debate

By Christian V. Esguerra

A SET OF GUIDELINES ON THE CELEBRATION of the Eucharist that some perceive as banning the holding of hands while praying the "Our Father" has unsettled a number of Filipino Catholics.

Holding hands among the faithful while

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SURVIVORS thought doomsday had come after a huge earthquake toppled buildings in Pakistan. Ten people died and 126 injured in this collapsed apartment building in Islamabad. AP

'Like Judgment Day'

Quake death toll hits 30,000 in Kashmir

SOUTH ASIA QUAKE

A major earthquake with a magnitude of 7.6 struck cities and villages across the south Asian subcontinent on Saturday, leaving more than 30,000 people feared dead

The first quake was followed by a series of aftershocks of between magnitude 5.4 and 6.3

ISLAMABAD, PAKISTAN—Mountains seemed to tumble, buildings and houses crashed in heaps of dust, and Pakistani villager Fazal Elahi thought it was the end of the world.

For his family, it was.

Elahi's wife, his 14-year-old daughter and his brother were among more than 30,000 people killed in one of the world's deadliest earthquakes this century.

"When the earthquake came it was like Judgment Day ... Houses were flattened," the white-bearded old man said, recalling the horror of houses collapsing all around him.

"I could see rocks and homes tumbling down the mountains," said Elahi, who was driving to his village when the quake struck. "When I reached my village, there was nothing left of my home."

Many of those killed were students, said Tariq Mahmmod, communications minister for the region.

"I have been informed by my

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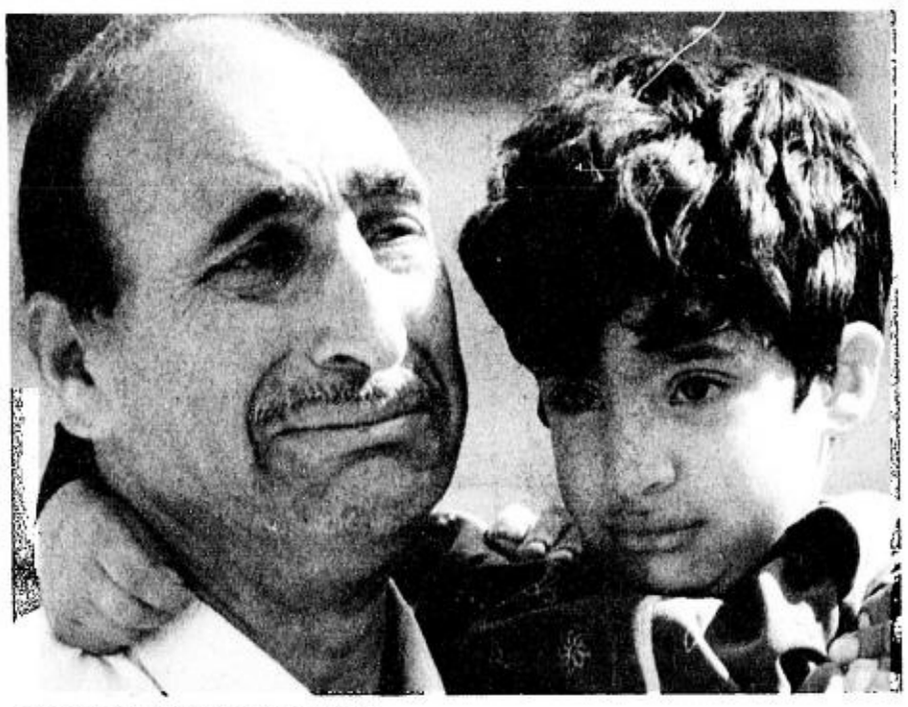

SORROW KNOWS NO AGE
A man and a child weep at the loss of a loved one after a powerful quake struck the disputed Himalayan kingdom of Kashmir. REUTERS

US Embassy denies hand in RP crisis

By Volt Contreras

THE US EMBASSY IN MANILA HAS DENIED having a hand in the political turmoil in the Philippines and slammed as "distorted" news accounts of leaked secret files sent by American diplomats to Washington on opposition attempts to unseat President Macapagal-Arroyo.

In the first official response to recent events in Manila, Charge d'Affaires Darryl Johnson said relations between the Philippines and the United States remained very strong.

Johnson was asked on Friday in Cebu about allegations that Leandro Aragoncillo, a Philippine-born ex-Marine, stole documents

US EMBASSY/ A20

PNP cracks down on destabilizers

By Luige A. del Puerto

THE PHILIPPINE NATIONAL POLICE, IN another step aimed at enforcing the government's calibrated response policy, is zeroing in on PNP personnel that are being targeted for recruitment by opponents of President Macapagal-Arroyo.

The PNP measure was contained in a six-point guideline to deal with rumors of destabilization, protest rallies, congressional inquiries and crime. It was dated Oct. 3 and was obtained by the INQUIRER yesterday.

High on the police memorandum was a directive to report to PNP Director General Arturo Lomibao immediately any police officer who was being "contacted by elements of the Armed Forces or by the members of opposition or by fellow members of any destabilization plans."

The document was issued by Chief Supt. Emmanuel Carta, head of the PNP Directorate for Operations, and addressed to regional commanders and heads of national support units such as the Intelligence Group and the Criminal Investigation and Detection Group.

Chief Supt. Leopoldo Bataoil, PNP spokesperson, described the initiative as a "proactive" attempt to address threats to the government.

PNP CRACKS/ A20

Shallow quakes tend to cause greater damage

THE EXTENSIVE DAMAGE SUSTAINED IN South Asia's massive earthquake was at least partly due to the fact that it struck relatively close to the surface, according to seismologists.

"Generally speaking, shallow earthquakes tend to cause greater damage than deep earthquakes," Yasuo Sekita, a seismic specialist at the Japan Meteorological Agency, told Agence France-Presse.

The quake, measuring 7.6 on the Richter scale, centered on the Kashmir region with a focus some 10 km beneath the earth's surface, according to the US Geological Survey and other seismic institutes.

The quake caused damage to widespread

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PDI still most read newspaper, says poll

FOR THE FOURTH STRAIGHT YEAR SINCE the survey went nationwide, the Philippine Daily Inquirer was the most read broadsheet in the country, according to the poll conducted by Nielsen Media Research.

The latest survey was conducted in the third quarter of 2004, covering 2,000 respondents aged 10 years and older from all socioeconomic classes in 31 cities in Luzon, the Visayas and Mindanao. The survey had a margin of error of plus or minus 2 percentage points.

Jay Bautista, Nielsen Media director, said the INQUIRER was the choice of 55 percent of the respondents, who said they had read a broadsheet the day before. The Manila Bulletin came in second with 47 percent and the Philippine Star third with 27 percent.

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WEATHER FORECAST

FORECAST: Luzon and Visayas will experience mostly cloudy skies with scattered rainshowers and thunderstorms. Mindanao will have partly cloudy to cloudy skies with isolated rainshowers and thunderstorms.

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New Charter would limit AFP role

By Michael Lim Ubac

THE ARMED FORCES OF THE PHILIPPINES would no longer be the "protector of the people and the state" under the proposed Constitution to be debated upon in plenary session by the House of Representatives on Tuesday.

Members of the House committee on constitutional amendments have proposed deleting this provision in the 1987 Constitution which was cited by the military to justify intervention during two people power uprisings that toppled two Presidents.

Instead, the House committee proposed deleting the provision and replacing it with: "The Armed Forces of the Philippines shall secure the sovereignty of the State, the integrity of the national territory, and the fundamental rights of the people."

The provision in the 1987 Constitution says the AFP "is the protector of the people and the State. Its goal is to secure the sovereignty of the State and the integrity of the national territory."

Committee chair Constantino Jaraula confirmed the provision had been deleted in the proposed amendments to the Charter attached to Committee Report No. 1065.

"Yes, we deleted that," Jaraula said when reached by phone yesterday.

To highlight the role of civil servants in a democratic setup, Jaraula said Section 3 of Article 2 retained the phrase "Civilian authority is, at all times, supreme over the military.'

An administration lawmaker, who asked not to be named, noted the "protector of the people" clause had been used in the past by military adventurists to interfere in political affairs.

"They always cited that provision to justify armed intervention. But who determines if that is what the people want?" said the lawmaker.

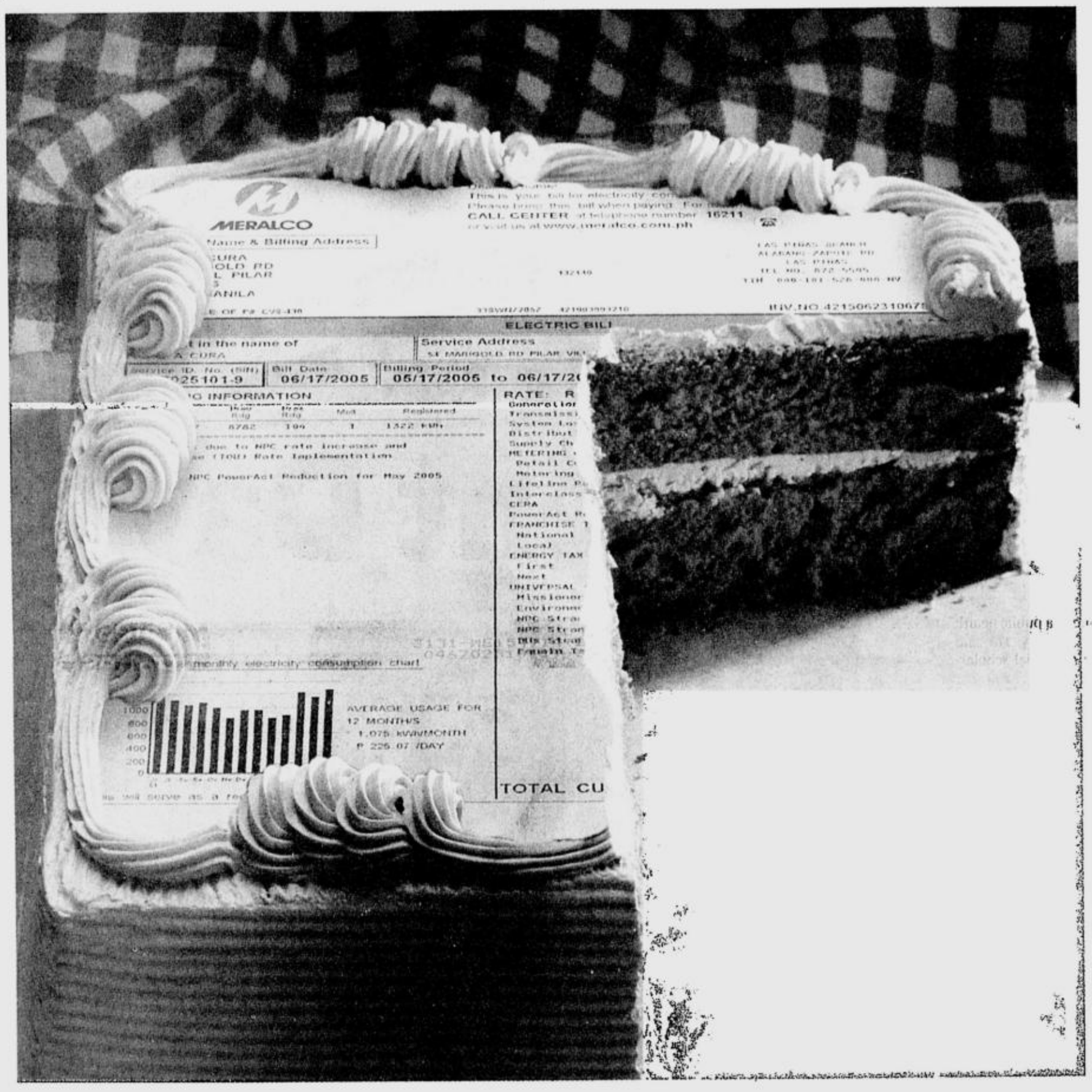
He cited the seven coup attempts against former President Corazon Aquino to prove that the clause had been "abused" in the past to suit the goals of military adventurists.

In fact, he said, politicians had invoked this clause to incite military officers to withdraw allegiance from President Macapagal-Arroyo amid the crisis engulfing her administration.

Speaker Jose de Venecia has been pushing for Cha-cha to shift the form of government to a parliamentary-federal type as a way out of the present crisis.

Yesterday, he clarified the "10-15 year transition" period for the shift referred to the change to a federal system.

"What is immediate is the creation of a parliamentary government and a unicameral legislature by next year," the Speaker said, as he denied reports the transition phase was to meant to allow Ms Arroyo to remain in power until 2010.



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Bali bombers elude captors in Indonesia, RP–NY Times

THREE OF THE MOST WANTED MEN IN Southeast Asia narrowly escaped capture in the last two days, two in the Philippines and one in Indonesia, The New York Times reported yesterday, quoting officials in the two countries.

In Indonesia, a special counterterrorism unit swept into a village in Central Java early Friday, hoping to find Mohamad Noordin Top, a 35-year-old Malaysian believed to be a central player in several bombings there, including the Bali bombings of October 2002 and a week ago.

But Top had fled the village a few hours before the counterterrorism unit arrived, police officials said.

Noordin and another Malaysian, Azhari Husin, are the top suspects in the recent bombings, but police have said they had no firm evidence to confirm their suspicions.

In the Philippines, more than 1,000 soldiers have started a manhunt for two Indonesians, Dulmatin and Umar Patek, suspected of helping assemble the bombs that were used in the 2002 Bali bombings that killed 202 people.

Al-Qaida-trained

Dulmatin, who uses only one name, is believed to have learned his bomb-making skills at an al-Qaida camp in Afghanistan.

"We were close to getting them at one point, but the mountainous terrain proved disadvantageous to us," Brig. Gen. Ben Dolorfino, commander of the Philippine Marine Brigade, said in an interview on Saturday. "We will get them sooner or later."

But a ranking official of the largest rebel group in Mindanao yesterday doubted the two suspected Jemaah Islamiyah members with a combined $11-million bounty on their heads were hiding on the island.

Eid Kabalu, spokesperson of the Moro Islamic Liberation Front, said the group had not confirmed the sighting of Dulmatin and Patek.

Claiming he had been misquoted earlier, Kabalu said he was merely citing Philippine military reports when he said two JI members were being hunted in Central Mindanao.

"We have no confirmation (of their presence in Mindanao). As far as the MILF is concerned, there have been no sightings. We have no personal knowledge that they are here," Kabalu told the INQUIRER over the phone.

Khadaffy in Maguindanao

Earlier reports had quoted Kabalu as saying that Dulmatin, Patek and Abu Sayyaf leader Khadaffy Janjalani had been together in Central Mindanao when the military launched an offensive against them in July.

Kabalu, however, said Khadaffy was hiding in Maguindanao and persistent military offensives there may have reduced his group to two or three men.

"His presence there is confirmed," he said. "We believe that they are there to take advantage of the ceasefire between the MILF and the military. They probably want a piece of the peace here."

The US Department of State last week offered $10 million for information leading to the capture of Dulmatin and $1 million for Patek.

Last week's Bali bombings and the terrorist threat against the New York subway system should be a reminder the country needs to rush passage of the antiterrorism bill, Press Secretary Ignacio Bunye said yesterday.

Bunye said Malacañang's wish for the immediate enactment of the bill had to do more with ensuring the protection of "lives and the public welfare" and nothing more.

In his weekly "The View from the Palace" column, he pointed out that New York officials stepped up security in the city last week even if there had been false alarms in the past.

"It is the same responsibility to protect lives and the public welfare that underscores the priority being given by the Arroyo administration to passing the antiterrorism bill," he said.

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Consultants cost gov't ₱1.2B last year, says solon

By Michael Lim Ubac

FEES PAID TO VARIOUS CONSULtants hired by the Arroyo administration reached a whopping P1.2 billion last year, further escalating the construction cost of projects ranging from flood control to the installation of water pumps.

Rep. Rolando Andaya Jr., chair of the House appropriations committee, said the Department of Agrarian Reform, which spent over P254 million on consultants last year, topped the list of government agencies which doled out consultancy contracts.

The Department of Agriculture came in second with a bill for "consultancy services" of P185 million, followed by the Department of Education with P135 million.

Andaya based his disclosure on the 2004 government expenditure records submitted to his committee which is currently conducting hearings on the proposed P1.053 trillion national budget for 2006.

Andaya did not provide the INQUIRER with a list of the consultants when contacted yesterday.

The proposed increase in infrastructure spending in next year's budget could also increase government expenses for consultancy services.

For 2006, Andaya said, the government plans to implement P56 billion worth of foreign-assisted projects, of which P16.5 billion would be raised by the Philippine government in counterpart funds.

Wary of the wasteful spending on consultancy services, Andaya urged government agencies to go slow in hiring consultants.

While the consultancy fees the national government paid in 2004 were lower than the P1.48 billion it spent in 2003, "this kind of expense can still be brought down," he said.

Andaya said the three agencies jointly accounted for nearly one-half of total government spending for consultants last year.

"But the actual amount paid to consultants could be higher than what is reported as fees paid to consultants of foreign-assisted projects are cleverly tucked in with other project costs and not reported as separate items," he said.

Andaya admitted that consultancy fees ate up a substantial chunk of construction costs, citing a December 2004 review by the National Economic and Development Authority of 41 official development assistance-funded infrastructure projects.

"One flood control project in Luzon has a consultancy cost of P525 million. One foreign-assisted road construction package has earmarked P2.4 billion for consultancy fees," he said.

In one agrarian reform project, consultants made P340 million, or 15 percent of the civil works cost," he said.

He said the hiring of consultants should only be resorted to if no government personnel could do the job.

More religious want GMA out

By Christian V. Esguerra

SAYING THE BISHOPS HAD FAILED THEIR flock, around 20 Catholic organizations of priests, nuns and laity have formed an inter-religious alliance to revitalize the clamor for President Macapagal-Arroyo's ouster.

Sinag, co-convened by Fr. Ben Moraleda, Fr. Eduardo Apungan, Sr. Cres Lucero, singer-activist Gary Granada and other Catholic leaders, will join the call for Ms Arroyo's ouster by working the parishes through prayer vigils, text barrages and poster campaigns.

"(Today) there is a concerted, systematic and violent scheme to vanquish the truth and dupe the people," said Moraleda, a Redemptorist missionary, addressing the first gathering of Sinag affiliates at St. Andrew's Theological Seminary in Quezon City yesterday.

"In order to escape the outrage and judgment of the people, this morally and spiritually bankrupt government has resorted to brutal and violent tactics reminiscent of the dark days of martial law," the group said in a statement, referring to the "calibrated preemptive response" policy of the administration and President Arroyo's Executive Order No. 464 barring government and uniformed officials from talking to Congress.

Sinag members yesterday signed a huge streamer bearing their entire statement. Moraleda said more signatures would be collected before the banner is handed over to the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines (CBCP).

"We are not giving up on our bishops," he said.

The group hopes to move the country's 119 bishops to shed their ambivalence and tackle the current political crisis in more concrete terms.

"As a Christian, a priest and a religious, it pains me that the Church, myself included, has abandoned the people," Moraleda said.

The CBCP had urged the faithful twice—on July 10 and Sept. 13—to continue the search for truth behind allegations President Arroyo had cheated in the May 2004 elections, but stopped short of censuring her or asking her to resign.

Moraleda said Sinag was meant to oppose the administration's "satanic scheme" of getting some bishops, nuns and priests to its side.

"The bishops have spoken and they're right—we shouldn't meddle in politics; never mind if they themselves are politicking," Moraleda told the delegates.

"With their statement, they only strengthened the resolve of the people who continue to oppress other people," he added.

MEMBERS of Sinag affix their names to the streamer addressed to their superiors and calling for President Arroyo to resign. LYN RILLON

CPR to stay, says Gonzalez

By Christine O. Avendaño

PRESIDENT MACAPAGAL-ARROYO YESTERday met with some members of her Cabinet to discuss the calibrated preemptive response (CPR) policy of the government.

Justice Secretary Raul Gonzalez said that during the meeting it was agreed that CPR—put up in response to street protests against the administration—would still be the government's "maximum tolerance" policy.

"Whatever its connotation, it's in the law in Batasang Pambansa No. 880 and in Article 146 of the Revised Penal Code," Gonzalez said in a phone interview.

According to the law, a group planning to stage a rally should seek a permit from the local government unit concerned five days before the event, the justice secretary said.

"We will apply the law," Gonzalez said, noting that the Palace would respect whatever decision local government units may make with regard to requests to stage rallies in Metro Manila.

Gonzalez said the applicants should follow up their requests with the LGUs concerned.

"It's their duty to verify," he said.

Asked if the Palace would drop the term CPR as suggested by Interior Secretary Angelo Reyes, Gonzalez said: "I don't think so."

Cheaper to train docs than soldiers–Recto

FOR A FRACTION OF THE P2 million the government spends to produce one graduate of the Philippine Military Academy, it could send a student through medical school to help make up for the exodus of doctors and other health professionals.

Thus did Sen. Ralph Recto urge the government to seriously consider investing in the training of doctors, pointing out that seven of 10 Filipino doctors were now working abroad while 6,000 others were studying to become nurses to land better-paying jobs in other countries.

Recto said that while the government spends P2 million to produce one PMA graduate, public subsidy for a medical student at the University of the Philippines College of Medicine amounts to only P400,000 for the five-year course.

"Perhaps what we need is a different PMA—a Philippine Medical Academy. What we need is a long white line," Recto said in a statement, changing the common reference to cadets as the long gray line to a white line of medical interns.

He said the government should look into the possibility of designating existing medical schools as academies where government scholars could be trained to become doctors.

The administration senator said the government could offer full scholarships to would-be doctors who would agree to serve for a period of time in a public health facility in the country. He said those availing of partial scholarships would serve for shorter periods.

Recto said that with a P200-million appropriation, the government could pay for the tuition, books and stipend of 1,000 medical scholars. This, he said, would be less than half what the government spends in the PMA in a year.

Recto said government intervention was needed because of the alarming dearth of doctors and health professionals serving in the country's public and private hospitals.

This dearth, he said, was worsened by the lower enrollment in medical schools in the previous years.

Last year alone, he said, 23 medical schools reported their enrollment was down to just 42 percent of their collective quota.

Recto said the lower enrollment was worsened by the departure of 3,500 doctors in the past four years for nursing jobs abroad.

He said the decline showed in the number of government doctors which dropped from 3,119 in 1996 to 3,021 in 2002. Five of the country's 16 regions have less than 100 government doctors, he said. *Juliet Labog-Javellana*

Christmas comes early for tourism personnel

IT WILL BE AN EARLY CHRISTmas for about 1,000 executives and employees of the Philippine Tourism Authority on Friday when they receive a total of P19.5 million in bonuses realized from "significant savings" in the agency's operations this year.

PTA general manager Robert Dean Barbers said the savings were the result of austerity measures coupled with aggressive marketing of the tourist resorts and other facilities run by the agency and good fiscal management.

The bonuses are also part of the collective negotiations agreement (CNA) between PTA management and its workers' union, the Association of Dedicated Employees of Philippine Tourism, or Adept.

Barbers said the CNA incentive was timely in light of the adoption last month of measures to protect the meager incomes of government employees, strengthen their commitment to public service and improve their efficiency and effectiveness.

The PTA expects its net income this year to exceed the P1.7 billion it posted last year, which in turn was P86 million more than its 2003 income. This was the main reason the agency was able to afford a CNA with its employees, Barbers said.

In 2003, he said, PTA distributed an annual record high of P40 million in subsidies to various facilities that were not making money. The subsidies came from remittances from profitable PTA establishments.

During the first half of 2004, these subsidies were drastically reduced to an average of P281,000, an indication of the turnaround of the establishments. *Jerome Aning*

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Holding hands ...

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singing the "Our Father" during Mass is a popular practice in the Philippines.

It appeared there was a misimpression that Pope Benedict XVI had banned the practice.

The misimpression came after delegates to last month's 20th National Meeting of Diocesan Directors Liturgy advised the faithful to do away with "indecorous movements" during Mass.

"Without detriment to the conciliar principle of full, active and intelligent participation, it is possible to pray and sing certain parts of the Mass in Latin, sing Gregorian chant or polyphonic music, use the pipe organ and eliminate in the assembly indecorous movements or bodily gestures, to name a few possibilities," they wrote in a statement on the "Rubrics in the Celebration of the Eucharist."

They said they "exhort fidelity and loyalty to the liturgical reform of Vatican II."

Until yesterday, many Catholics were confused, especially after some in the media reported that Benedict, widely perceived as an unflinching conservative, was behind the supposed prohibition.

At the St. Andrew's Theological Seminary in Quezon City yesterday, priests and nuns, who gathered for a new ecumenical movement, talked about the supposed ban. *(See related story on Page A3.)*

No ban

In fact, there was no such prohibition, according to Fr. Anscar Chupungco, an authority in matters of the liturgy or the body of rituals on how Catholics should praise God.

Chupungco is also the executive secretary of the Catholic Bishops Conference of the Philippines' Commission on Liturgy.

"While (the statement) suggested that certain 'indecorous movements' must be 'eliminated,' these did not refer to 'holding hands' during the singing of 'Our Father,'" he said in a statement.

In an interview with the INQUIRER, Chupungco said diocesan directors for liturgy did not say that "indecorous movements" should be abandoned.

"Until such time that the bishops' conference issue an all-encompassing set of guidelines, the bishops would have to consider which action is indecorous and which is not," he said.

Chupungco said the decision must take into account the culture and social norms in the respective dioceses of the bishops.

But diocesan directors of liturgy also warned that "unnecessary and frequent exceptions to rubrics can send a wrong message that the liturgy of Holy Mass is a trivial matter."

A clearly indecorous gesture comes when parishioners loudly move around while greeting others with the sign of peace, according to Chupungco.

"It's not proper to turn the celebration into a market place," he said. "We also have to think of the sentiments of other people or those who want to keep their Mass very solemn."

Kissing loved ones

Can a churchgoer kiss or embrace a loved one then? It's up to the prelates to tell since such gestures, provided they're not scandalous, are still relatively acceptable in different dioceses, according to Chupungco.

He said the reminder on indecorous movements was included in the statement when some delegates to the national assembly mentioned the old Tridentine Latin Mass.

He said some wanted to remind their flock of the "prayerful atmosphere" that was very evident in the old celebration.

The Tridentine lost its popularity after the Second Vatican Council in 1965 allowed the Mass to be celebrated in the vernacular. But it also made clear that "the use of the Latin language is to be preserved."

Before Vatican II, all Masses anywhere in the world had been celebrated in the same way, in Latin, and with strictly prescribed gestures as codified by the Council of Trent in the 16th century.

At the 20th National Meeting of Diocesan Directors Liturgy on Sept. 12 to 16, Chupungco said delegates agreed that the "prayerful atmosphere" of the Tridentine was also found in the Vatican II Mass of Pope Paul VI.

So were "ritual dignity, sense of the sacred, and personal devotion," the delegates said.

KERMIT, EAT YOUR HEART OUT A live frog is dressed up as a king for a competition during the Frog Festival in San Fernando, Pampanga. The yearly festival promotes various frog traditions in the province and seeks to preserve Kapampangan culture. REUTERS

Frog Festival croaks ...

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The "Pyestang Tugak" (Frog Festival) opened here on Friday with games, an art exhibit, street dancing, a parade, a cooking contest and food feast hailing frogs as the enduring symbol of cultural heritage and efforts to regreen this Pampanga capital.

The festival, held yearly since 2003, "croaked" to a loud, happy start by way of the *padwasan* (frog catching) around rice paddies in Barangay San Jose.

The 6 a.m. rites reprised the tradition of farming families catching frogs during the rainy months when the edible amphibians abound.

The tradition lives on as locals still practice the old-fashioned ways of using the *paduas* (thin bamboo rods), *panyapu* (net) and *bulating tudtud* (earthworms as bait) to catch frogs, a delicacy in Pampanga.

Before midday, children and teeners joined the "frog Olympics"—where the creatures were raced dressed in native costumes and competed in the loudest and longest croak categories.

Acy Calica, 12, beat everyone in the frog race after his pet "Robin" took 18 minutes and 35 seconds to complete the three-meter strip.

After their victory, Calica released Robin, a three-inch-long bullfrog, in their farm in Barangay Quebiawan.

At the City Hall's Plaza Vidal de Arrozal, students and professional chefs prepared tasty frog dishes.

Old recipes like *betute* (frogs stuffed with meat and spices), *adobong tugak, tinolang tugak, arroz caldong tugak* and *almondegas*—all using native frogs—were favorite entries.

Everybody's Café, located in the city proper, and restaurants in malls and along the Barangay Dolores strip, offered various frog dishes on their menus on this special day.

Betute is a menu mainstay, although served in limited portions, at Everybody's Café.

According to Mayor Oscar Rodriguez, Kapampangans try to prepare exotic dishes with frogs as the main ingredient when the supply is abundant.

To preserve the city's culinary heritage and to maintain a balanced ecosystem, the frogs here are honored and their hunting regulated, said Rodriguez.

He said the frogs' ability to live in water and on land and to survive the eruptions of Mt. Pinatubo was akin to the Kapampangan's resiliency during hard times.

Rodriguez said a local law made the festival a yearly event to educate residents on the importance of frogs in the local culture and environment.

PDI still most read newspaper, says poll

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The total exceeded 100 percent because some respondents read two or more broadsheets.

Of the 2,000 respondents, 25.2 percent read newspapers (either broadsheet or tabloid, or both) in 2004, down from 29.6 percent the previous year. Broadsheet readership dropped to 8.8 percent from 13.5 percent.

Bautista noted that broadsheets were generally read by members of the upper and middle classes. They accounted for 55 percent of the broadsheets' reader base.

Tabloids were more popular among the lower income classes. They represented more than 70 percent of the tabloids' reader base. Regional newspapers had the same reader profile as the tabloids.

Upper and middle classes

The INQUIRER is popular among the upper and middle classes (the AB and C economic classes). They represent 56.2 percent of the newspaper's reader base, according to Nielsen Media.

More males (54.2 percent) read the INQUIRER than females (45.8 percent). By age group, those between 20 and 39 years old accounted for 46.3 percent of the INQUIRER's readers. Readers who were 50 and up accounted for 30.1 percent.

The most read sections of the INQUIRER after the front page and local and foreign news included Sports, Editorial/Columns, Lifestyle and Business.

Reading habit

On the average, newspaper readers spent about 25 minutes going over their favorite broadsheet or tabloid. But INQUIRER readers spent 32.2 minutes reading the broadsheet in 2004, up from 25.2 percent the previous year.

Among the days of the week, Sunday had the highest broadsheet readership, according to the study. Other days of the week were consistent in terms of the number of readers. This demonstrated loyalty among readers.

In the survey, called the Media Index study, Nielsen Media Research used multi-stage random sampling.

Metro Manila had 1,000 respondents and the other urban centers also 1,000 respondents. Half of the respondents were female.

For Metro Manila, Nielsen allocated 200 respondents for each socioeconomic class (AB, C1, C2, D and E). For the rest of the urban centers, Class AB was allocated 100 respondents; C1, also 100; C2, 200; D, 400, and E, 200.

The INQUIRER has been topping nationwide polls since 1993, like that conducted by Asia Research Organization, prior to the Nielsen surveys.

Youth readership program

To encourage newspaper reading among the youth, the INQUIRER has launched various programs.

Its Youth Readership Program consists of fun and interactive events.

The INQUIRER Seminar Series promotes youth empowerment and social awareness among college students and young professionals by bringing them together with experts from various fields.

The series allows the youth to discuss current concerns with leaders, opinion-makers, trend-setters and visionaries.

Debates

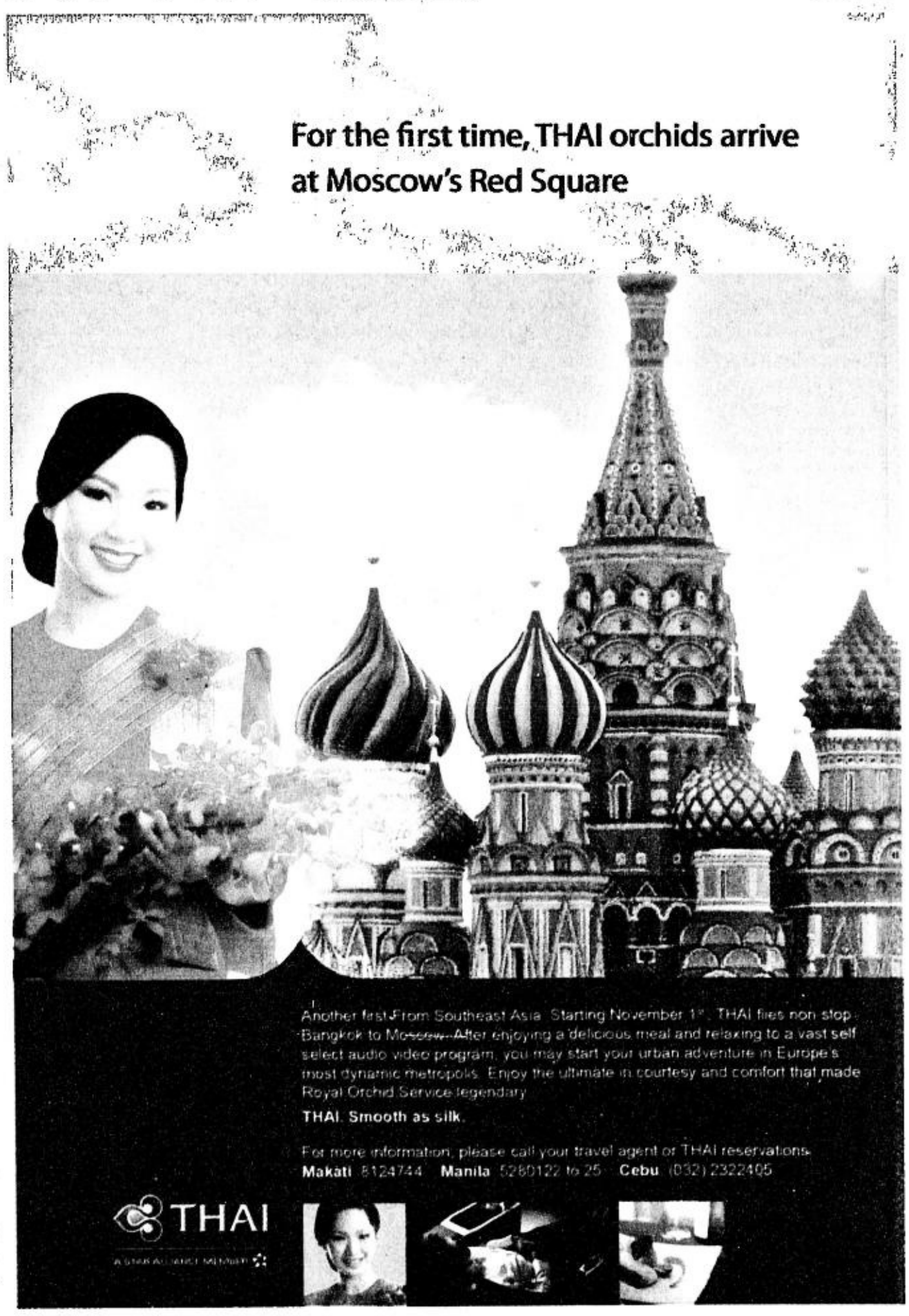
The INQUIRER Intercollegiate Debating Championship (IIDC) is the country's largest and most prominent debate tournament. Using the Asian Parliamentary format, the IIDC seeks to involve the youth in challenges that confront them.

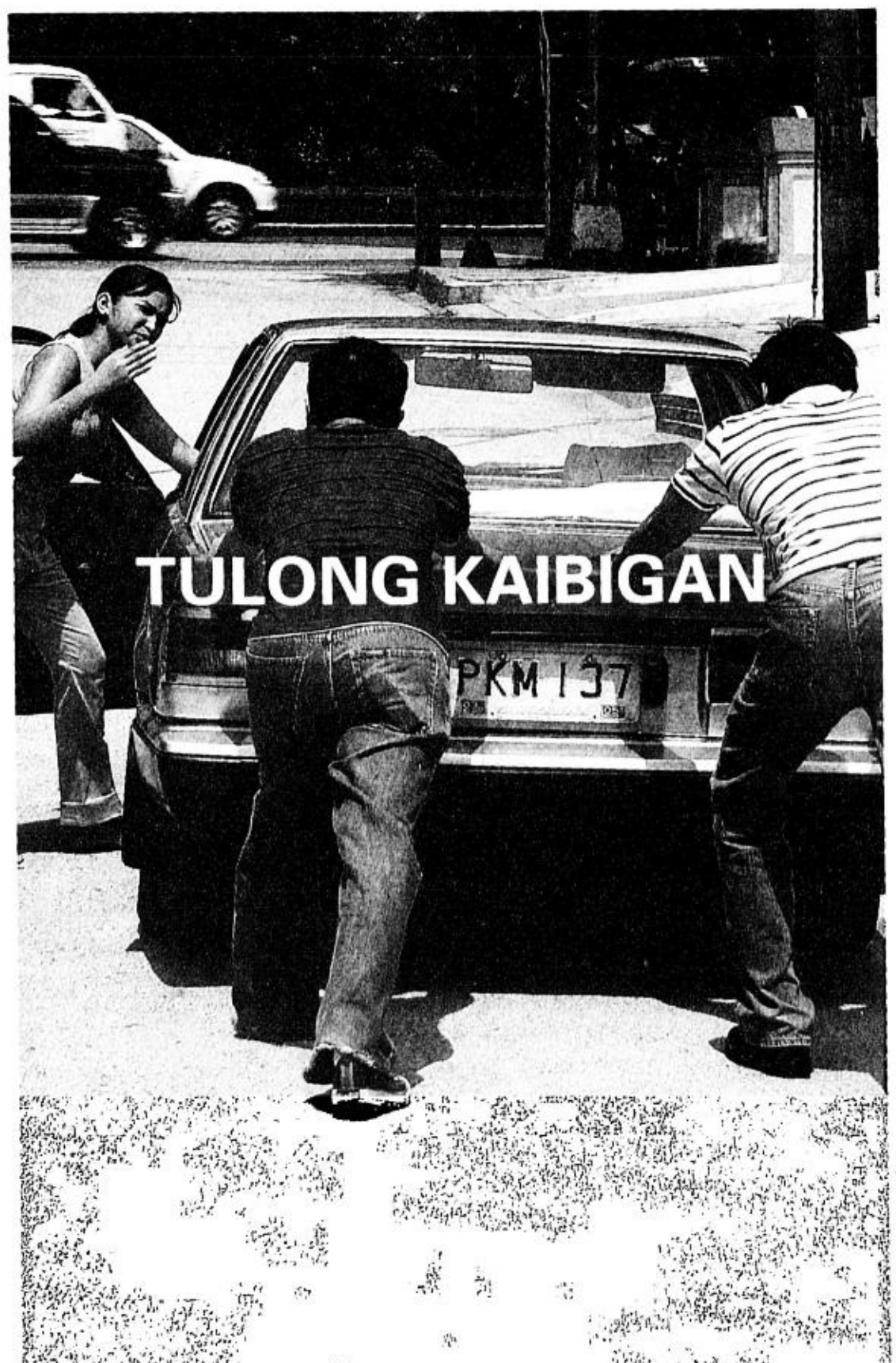
Aside from regular debate matchups between competing schools, an Issue Forum, which features a prominent INQUIRER columnist and economic guru, discusses the country's economic situation.

2bU!

Then there's the INQUIRER-2bU! Interschool Debating Championship, a competition for high school students using the British Parliamentary format. It encourages the youth to analyze what they read and what they know through their debating skills.

In addition, the newspaper has come up with educational tours in which young participants hold a dialogue with editors and business leaders. Participants also get to visit the newspaper's facilities, including its printing press.





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The WORLD

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1,400 buried alive in Guatemala mudslide

GUATEMALA CITY—A FRANTIC SEARCH FOR ABOUT 1,400 PEOPLE believed to be buried alive by a mudslide in Guatemala was to continue Sunday as the death toll from massive floods throughout Central America and Mexico rose to a staggering 618.

The towns of Panajab and Tzanchaj, 180 km west of Guatemala City, were hit by the mudslide triggered by rain from tropical storm Stan before dawn Wednesday, when soil loosened by days of driving rain began rushing down the slopes of the San Lucas volcano.

"I don't believe there are survivors. Already 36 hours have passed. According to estimates we have, 1,400 people were trapped there," Mario Cruz, a firefighters' spokesperson, said.

If those fears are confirmed, Guatemala's death toll could soar close to 2,000. The official count stood at 508 Saturday, up from 176 a day earlier after rescue workers discovered hundreds more bodies.

The storm also killed 71 people in El Salvador, 28 in Mexico and 11 in Nicaragua, authorities in those countries said. Tens of thousands were left homeless.

Stan slammed ashore as a hurricane in the Mexican state of Veracruz early Tuesday but began pounding northern Central America with rain on Oct. 1, with Guatemala taking the hardest blow.

Many of the victims were indigenous people who lived along the banks of Lake Atitlan, in the west of the country. Tons of soil poured down the sides of the mountains surrounding the lake.

Most roads to the isolated area were impassable, and helicopter flights were hampered by driving rain falling for an eighth day onto waterlogged ground.

A GUATEMALAN Mayan Indian woman cries as she waits for the body of her sister to be recovered from the mudslide Oct. 8. REUTERS

Guatemalan President Oscar Berger made an impassioned plea to the diplomatic corps in his country's capital late Friday for international assistance, estimating agricultural losses at $135 million.

The United States, Japan, Mexico, Spain, Cuba, Canada and the Central American Bank for Economic Integration pledged help.

Norway's Ambassador Rolf Berg requested a detailed needs assessment to best help the estimated 1.8 million Guatemalans affected by the storm.

Mexico meanwhile launched a vaccination drive amid an outbreak of dengue fever in the storm zone. A quarantine was slapped on the town of Huejutla, in central Hidalgo state, where 180 fell ill.

At least 28 Mexicans were killed by the storm and two million were affected, officials said.

"We will overcome this tragedy. Please be calm. I promise we will rebuild," President Vicente Fox told panicked residents of Huixtlan, just north of the Guatemalan border, where 5,000 people sought refuge in shelters.

Mexico has set aside $1.6 million for rescue and reconstruction efforts from the recent spike in oil revenues and the country's emergency fund.

The torrential rains "just did not stop for three days," said Emerita Albores, 37, whose home in Chiapas state was destroyed as a river burst its banks. *AFP*

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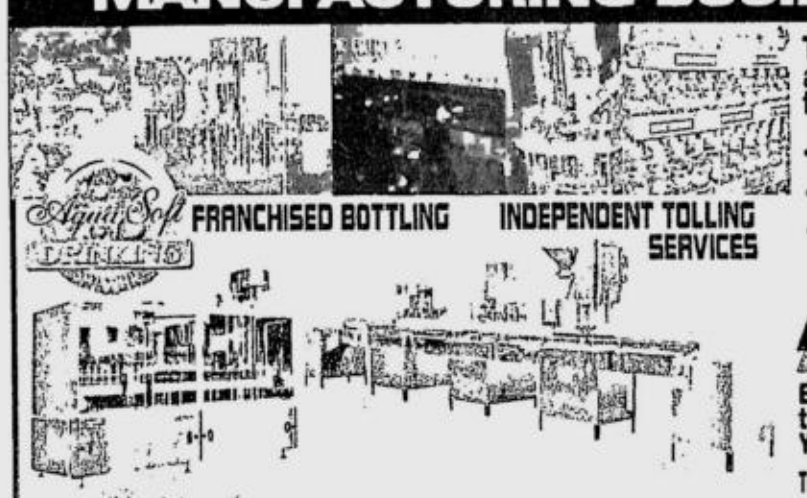

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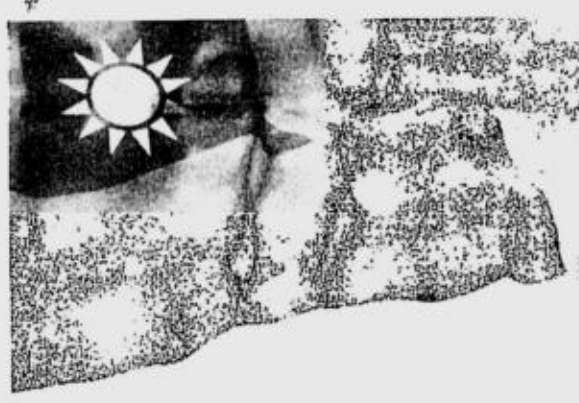

Republic of China (Taiwan) Marks 94th National Day Anniversary

Taiwan-driven APEC program strives to bridge digital divide

Wu Hsin-hsing, Taiwan's representative in the Philippines (front left), and Virgilio Pena (front right), chairman of the Philippines' Commission on Information and Communications Technology, try out computers installed at the Digital Opportunity Center.

A memorandum of understanding on information technology promotion was signed June 14 by the Asia-Pacific Economic Cooperation (APEC) Digital Opportunity Center Secretariat, headed by Taiwan, and the Commission on Information and Communications Technology (CICT) of the Philippines at the National Computer Center in Quezon City, the Philippines

APEC Senior Official John Chen, who is concurrently director general of the Department of International Organizations of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and CICT Commissioner Emmanuel Lallana signed the agreement, witnessed by CICT Chairman Virgilio Pena.

In order to help bridge the digital divide and upgrade e-capacity among APEC member countries, Taiwan advocated the establishment of the APEC Digital Opportunity Center (ADOC) at the 11th APEC Economic Leaders' Meeting in Bangkok in 2003.

In the ADOC pilot program, an ADOC Partner Office and a Digital Opportunity Center will be set up in the Philippines, Vietnam, Indonesia, Peru, Chile and Papua New Guinea.

The ADOC Partner Offices serve as local administrative and liaison centers, responsible for coordinating activities with local authorities communicating with the ADOC Secretariat in Taiwan. The Digital Opportunity Centers, equipped with computers, Internet connections, projectors and printers, serve as training grounds for information technology personnel.

In the case of the Philippines, projects lined up for this year include staff training, an e-government audit, and the establishment of an ICT Elite Camp and STAR 100 Consulting Program. Two information technology specialists from Taipei have been posted in the Philippines for consultancy. The program aims to train over 500 information-technology personnel in the first year of operation.

The APEC Digital Opportunity Center Secretariat signed a similar memorandum of understanding with Peru and Vietnam May 16 and June 16, respectively.

According to the APEC Digital Opportunity Center Secretariat, programs in the three countries will run for three years through the end of 2008, while projects in Indonesia, Chile and Papua New Guinea will be launched next year.

MESSAGE

Today is the National Day of the Republic of China (Taiwan). The 23 million people in Taiwan with their compatriots in overseas commemorate on this auspicious occasion the founding of the Republic by Dr. Sun Yat-Sen whose fundamental programs and ideas were laid down in his "Three Principles of the People: Nationalism, Democracy and Livelihood". The joint efforts by the government and the people in the decades have enabled Taiwan in attaining its remarkable economic progress and democratization. Taiwan's "Economic Miracle" has gained international recognition, in spite of Taiwan being an island with scarce natural resources and affected almost all year round by natural calamities like typhoons and earthquakes. Today, Taiwan ranks as the world's 17th country with its resilient economy and the world's 15th trading power, world's third largest in foreign reserves and 7th investment country in the world. According to the Swiss-based World Economic Forum, Taiwan ranks the 5th in terms of world growth competitiveness and No. 1 in Asia.

Taiwan has been successfully practicing democracy. People enjoy the freedom of speech, religion, press and participation in political affairs. Their civil liberties and human rights are properly protected by the government. The existence of checks and balances in Taiwan has ensured that Taiwan has become more and more democratic and as such cleanest politics, good governance, efficiency and transparency, continue to prevail. Taiwan has become another successful paradigm for developing countries which practice the democratic system.

Last but not the least, the relations between Taiwan and the Philippines continue to become closer and closer in the last decades. Today, Taiwan ranks 7th investor in the Philippines and the 4th source of tourists to this country. The Overseas Filipino Workers (OFWs) in Taiwan has hit the figure of 170,000 which ranks as the No. 1 largest foreign work force in Taiwan. We will introduce more OFWs to Taiwan and will continue to encourage locators from Taiwan to invest in the Philippines so that the two countries can keep pace with the development of their economy and uplift people's well-being.

Long Live the friendship between Taiwan and the Philippines and all the best to the Filipino people, to the Filipino-Chinese communities and the Taiwanese locators. Mabuhay!

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A Glance at Taiwan

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Capital: Taipei City
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Per capita GNP: US$13,925
Total Trade Volume: US$278 billion (the 15th world's largest trading nation)
Foreign exchange reserves: US$ 231.6 billion (The 3rd world's largest foreign exchange reserves without foreign debt)
Global growth competitiveness: The 5th world's place (Conducted by the Switzerland World Economic Forum)
Investment Climate: The 5th world's place (Conducted by Business Environment Risk Intelligence)
Literacy Rate (above age 15): 96.97%
Number of College and University: 154
E-government performance: The 1st world's place (Conducted by Brown University)
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Taiwan- Philippines Relations

Taiwan is the 7th largest foreign investment in the Philippines: Total investment Amount US$ 1.3 billion
Philippine exports to Taiwan: US$ 3 billion
Philippines imports from Taiwan: US$ 3.9 billion
OFWs in Taiwan: 170,000
Trips to the Philippines by Taiwanese: 115,182persons (the top 4th in foreign tourist arrivals in the Philippines)

Romania, Turkey report new bird flu outbreaks

INFLUENZA victims crowd into an emergency hospital near Fort Riley, Kansas in this 1918 file photo. The 1918 Spanish flu pandemic killed at least 20 million people worldwide. AP

BUCHAREST—ROMANIA AND TURKEY REported new cases of avian flu on Saturday and began culling hundreds of birds to prevent the globally feared disease from spreading.

If the Romanian cases turn out to be the deadly H5N1 virus, they would be the first evidence the strain has spread to Europe from Asia, where it has killed 65 people and millions of birds since 2003. Russia and Kazakhstan have already had outbreaks.

Experts fear the H5N1 virus could mutate into one which spreads easily among humans, creating a pandemic that might kill millions. The so-called Spanish flu pandemic of 1918 killed between 20 and 40 million people worldwide.

Ion Agafitei, Romania's chief veterinarian, told reporters three birds had tested positive in the Danube delta village of Smardan after the first cases emerged in another village on Friday.

Further tests, some in Britain, were planned to discover whether the strain is H5N1.

CNN Turk television quoted Turkish Farm Minister Mehdi Eker as saying bird flu had been discovered in Turkey for the first time.

The television station said turkeys had died of the disease on a farm in Balikesir province near the Aegean Sea in western Turkey. All animals on the farm had been slaughtered.

"Yesterday, unfortunately, we experienced a case of bird flu. But everything is under control, every precautionary measure has been taken to prevent it spreading," CNN Turk quoted Eker as saying. The minister gave no details.

The farm is located near a natural park known for its rich birdlife. CNN Turk quoted the provincial deputy governor, Halil Yavuz Kaya, as saying the turkeys could have contracted the disease from migratory birds.

In Romania, quarantines were imposed on the two affected villages and five others which had suspicious bird deaths in recent days. No livestock may be taken from the delta to market.

In Ceamurlia de Jos, a few kilometers from the Black Sea, men with white masks poisoned dozens of birds with carbon dioxide before burning them.

"Nobody dares to eat poultry here after what happened," Mihai Carciumaru, the mayor of the village, said.

"I attended a wedding today and I asked doctors to check whether the guests had poultry on their menu. But it's not the case, they've all decided to eat pork."

Romanian television showed peasants from the village saying large numbers of poultry had died in recent days.

"Mysteriously my birds die one after another. I've lost 45 geese and authorities will kill the rest leaving me with nothing," an angry villager told private station Antena 3.

The Danube delta contains Europe's largest wetlands and is a major migratory area for wild birds coming from Russia, Scandinavia, Poland and Germany. The birds mainly move to warmer areas in North Africa including the Nile delta for winter.

Romanian authorities banned hunting across the delta, which is home to 14,000 people, and sent medical teams to test for possible human cases.

Bulgaria, which is seen as a potential next destination for the bird flu outbreak, said it had not yet registered any cases. *Reuters*

WORLDBRIEFS

Poles vote for new president

GDANSK, Poland—Poles began voting in a presidential election on Sunday that could decide whether Poland pursues new market reforms or focuses on traditional conservative values since completing its long trek into the EU. The last opinion polls showed moderate probusiness candidate Donald Tusk with a slim lead over conservative Lech Kaczynski but that neither candidate had enough support to avoid a run-off vote in two weeks' time. The polls predicted Tusk would win by a narrow margin in the second round on Oct. 23 in the contest between the two former activists with Solidarity, the prodemocracy movement that played a major role in the collapse of communism in 1989. *Reuters*

Australian airport scare

SYDNEY—Hundreds of travelers were stranded at Australia's Adelaide airport for more than two hours Sunday when it was shut down after white powder was discovered leaking from luggage. Fearing a biological anthrax outbreak, airport authorities immediately evacuated the luggage handling area and the airport was closed, the national AAP news agency said. Ten fire trucks and 40 firefighters responded to an emergency call, but initial tests showed the powder to be harmless, said fire service spokesperson John Foody. *AFP*

Everest not so high

BEIJING—Mt. Everest, the world's highest peak, stands 8,844.43 m above sea level, some four meters shorter than previously thought, according to the latest Chinese survey. The latest measurement was made by a team jointly organized by the Chinese Academy of Sciences (CAS) and the State Bureau of Surveying and Mapping (SBSM), Chen Bangzhu, director general of the bureau, told journalists Sunday. The new height compares with China's previous measurement of Mt. Qomolangma, the Tibetan name of the mountain, of 8,848.13 m which was done in 1975. "This time the measurement of Qomolangma is lower than that of the 1975 measurement," Chen said. "Actually the Qomolangma region is a place where the earth's crust is moving, but the new measurement that we have announced is based on the height of the peak's rock surface. "Before we were unable to measure the height of the rock surface, this time we measured the thickness of the ice to get the actual height of the rock surface." *AFP*

4 Britons hurt in attack

KANDAHAR, Afghanistan—A suicide attacker rammed a car laden with explosives into a vehicle carrying Britons in southern Afghanistan on Sunday, wounding four of them, a US-led coalition commander said. The attack occurred in Kandahar city, said Col. Steve Bowes, a Canadian commander with the coalition. The four were traveling in a Landcruiser four-wheel drive when the suicide bomber in a Toyota Corolla attacked them, Bowes said. *AP*

'Possessed' Cambodians

PHNOM PENH, Cambodia—Black magic may have driven a Cambodian couple to bite off their daughter's thumb nails and suck her blood, officials said Sunday. Chheng Chhorn, 46, and Srun Yoeung, 37, attacked their 12-year-old child before dawn on Thursday while she was still asleep, biting off her thumb nails and a small part of her nose to drink her blood, said Keo Norea Phy, a police official in Kampong Cham province where the incident occurred. Neighbors rushed to the couple's house and rescued the girl after hearing her screams, he said. After treatment at a hospital in Kampong Cham, about 80 km east of Phom Penh, the girl was placed in the custody of other villagers. Relatives had taken her parents to a black magic healer to chase away the evil spirit that was believed to have possessed them, the police official said. *AP*

US-bound Cubans

MIAMI—The number of Cubans caught this year trying to make the risky voyage across the Florida Straits to the United States—whether by puttering homemade boats or speedy smuggler's bosts—reached a 10-year high. There was a significant increase this year in Cubans who made it to US shores as well. During the 12 months that ended Sept. 30, the Coast Guard intercepted 2,712 Cubans trying to reach the United States. That compares with only 1,225 during the same period in 2004 and is by far the most since 1994, the year a massive Cuban exodus led to a new agreement for more orderly migration between Cuba and the United States. *AP*

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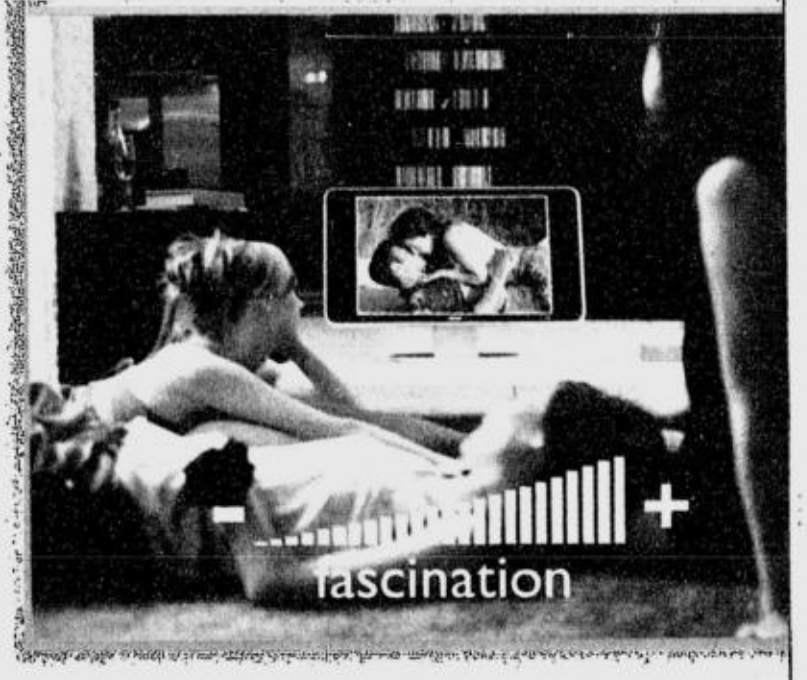

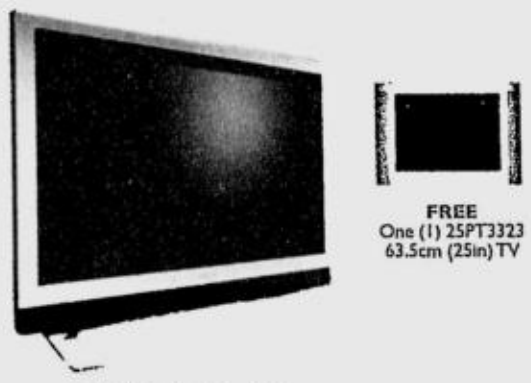

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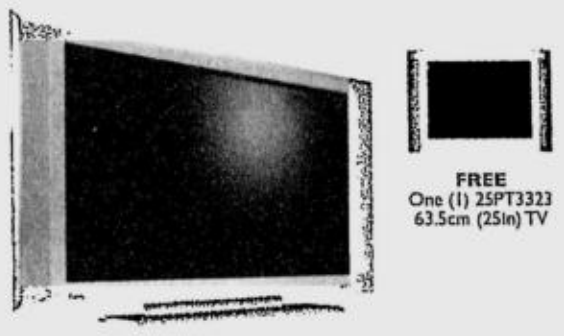

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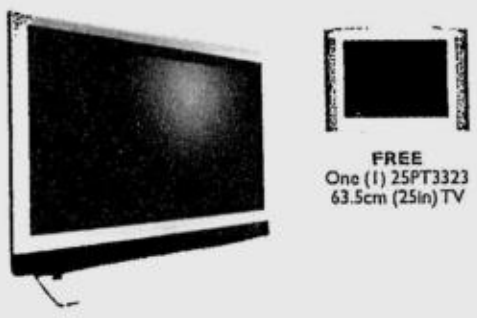

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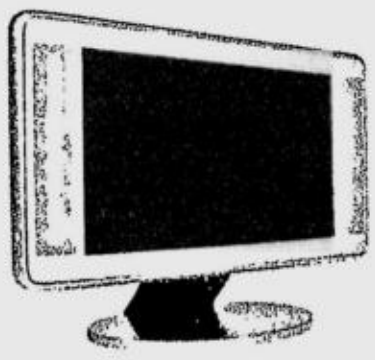

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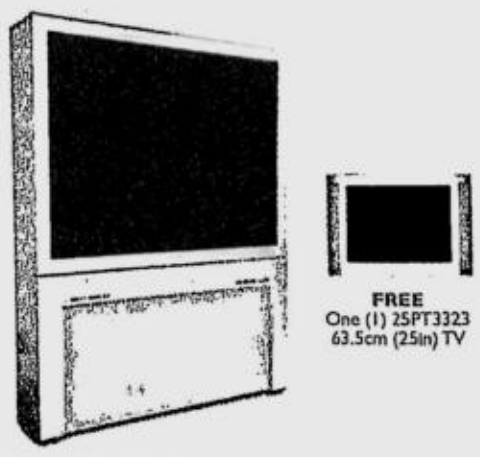

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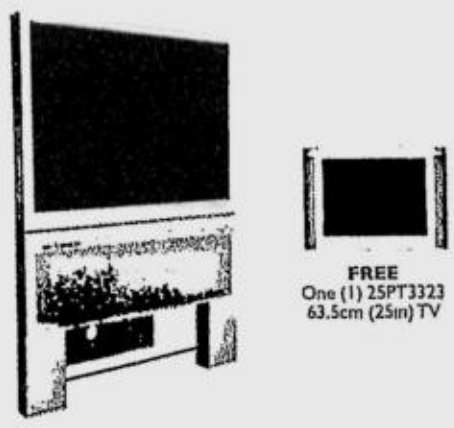

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Merkel may yet lead Germany

BERLIN—GERMAN CHANCELLOR GERHARD Schroeder and conservative challenger Angela Merkel were to hold a crucial meeting on Sunday to end their bitter struggle over the leadership of the biggest country in the European Union.

Exactly three weeks after an inconclusive general election, Schroeder and Merkel were to sit down at 8 p.m. on Sunday (2 a.m. Monday in Manila) to remove the last obstacle to a coalition government of their parties.

The identity of the next chancellor may not be known until Monday.

Reports on Saturday pointed to a deal on the share of cabinet posts within the so-called grand coalition between Schroeder's Social Democrats and Merkel's center-right Christian Democrat alliance, a combination last seen in Germany in the late 1960s.

Yet with Merkel and Schroeder sworn to secrecy after their first meeting on Thursday, little is known about whether a deal on the top job is ready to be signed behind the doors of the Parliamentary Club opposite the Reichstag government building.

Schroeder, 61, refused to concede after the Christian Democrats edged to a narrow four-seat lead over his Social Democratic Party (SPD) in the election on Sept. 18 which failed to produce a ruling majority.

He has said Germans do not trust Merkel because the conservatives squandered a clear lead in the opinion polls by the time voting began.

But in an acrimonious struggle, Merkel, 51, has insisted she must become the country's first woman chancellor because she leads the biggest grouping in parliament.

Schroeder, who has ruled since 1998, was in defiant mood as he visited St. Petersburg on Friday for the birthday celebrations of his close ally, Russian President Vladimir Putin.

"This is neither a farewell visit, nor my first visit as head of government," Schroeder said.

"The chances are high that our two parties will form a coalition government, but what will it look like? That is yet to be discussed."

Despite Schroeder's insistence that he will serve a third term, it appears likely that the SPD will be forced to accept Merkel as chancellor, perhaps in return for the pick of the cabinet posts in the right-left coalition.

Christian Wulff, a long-time rival of Merkel within her Christian Democratic Union who now backs her, said the only issue the conservatives were not prepared to negotiate was the chancellery.

"The Union will only be in a government led by Angela Merkel. On all other issues we will negotiate and accommodate the Social Democrats," Wulff told Saturday's Passauer Neuen Presse newspaper.

But left and right-wing pressure groups within the SPD appealed for Schroeder to remain at the helm.

"At a difficult time of upheaval for a country, the best chancellor must stay in place. That is Gerhard Schroeder," said the Seeheimer and Parliamentary Left factions.

Schroeder and Merkel will be accompanied in the pivotal meeting by SPD party leader Franz Muentefering and Edmund Stoiber, the head of the Christian Democrats' Bavarian sister party.

The Welt am Sonntag newspaper reported on Sunday that each side had already agreed that they would have the same number of representatives in the new government. *AFP*

PHOTO taken Aug. 19, 1981 shows North Korean leader Kim Jong-il (left) sitting with his son, Jong-nam. AFP

Speculation rife Kim may anoint son as successor

TOKYO—AS NORTH KOREA'S ALL-powerful Workers Party marks its 60th birthday on Monday, speculation is rife that its dictator Kim Jong-il may anoint his successor by picking one of his three sons to preserve his dynasty.

"Is the successor emerging?" asked the major Japanese daily Asahi, wondering if it is ideal for the Stalinist state to announce its future leader when it is dogged by economic woes and a diplomatic standoff over its nuclear arms drive.

Apart from sporadic rumors of a palace struggle over the transfer of power, the speculation was fueled last week when a Russian press report said the nomination might be made this month to coincide with the party anniversary.

The Itar-Tass news agency, quoting a diplomatic source in Pyongyang, said that Kim's three sons—Jong-nam, 34, Jong-chul, 24, and Jong-woon, 22—"have more or less equal chances of being nominated."

"If the name of the present leader's successor is announced this year, this will help—apart from avoiding struggle for power in future—to draw impressive investments," Itar-Tass said in a follow-up report quoting a diplomat. "Stability is the main thing for businessmen."

Despite his seniority, Jong-nam is believed to have fallen from grace after he embarrassed the dynasty when he was deported from Japan in 2001 for entering on a forged passport with the alleged aim of visiting Tokyo Disneyland.

According to South Korean media, Jong-nam survived two assassination attempts last year in China and Austria, in a plot linked to a power struggle.

He is Kim Jong-il's eldest son by his mistress Song Hye-rim, a former actress who died in 2003. His two younger brothers are born to Ko Yong-hui, a former dancer who died of cancer last year amid a propaganda blitz to idolize her.

In recent years, Jong-chul has been viewed as Kim Jong-il's top choice as heir. But little is known about him, apart from his passion for US professional basketball and his past enrollment at an international school in Switzerland.

The isolated dynasty has taken roots as North Korea sought to reunify with the South on its own terms by consolidating its power and repelling US intervention with help from China and Russia.

Kim Jong-il, 63, had been groomed to succeed his father, the late President Kim Il-sung, as North Korea's absolute leader since 1974 when the "Great Leader" was 62. He inherited power in 1994 establishing the world's first communist dynasty. *AFP*

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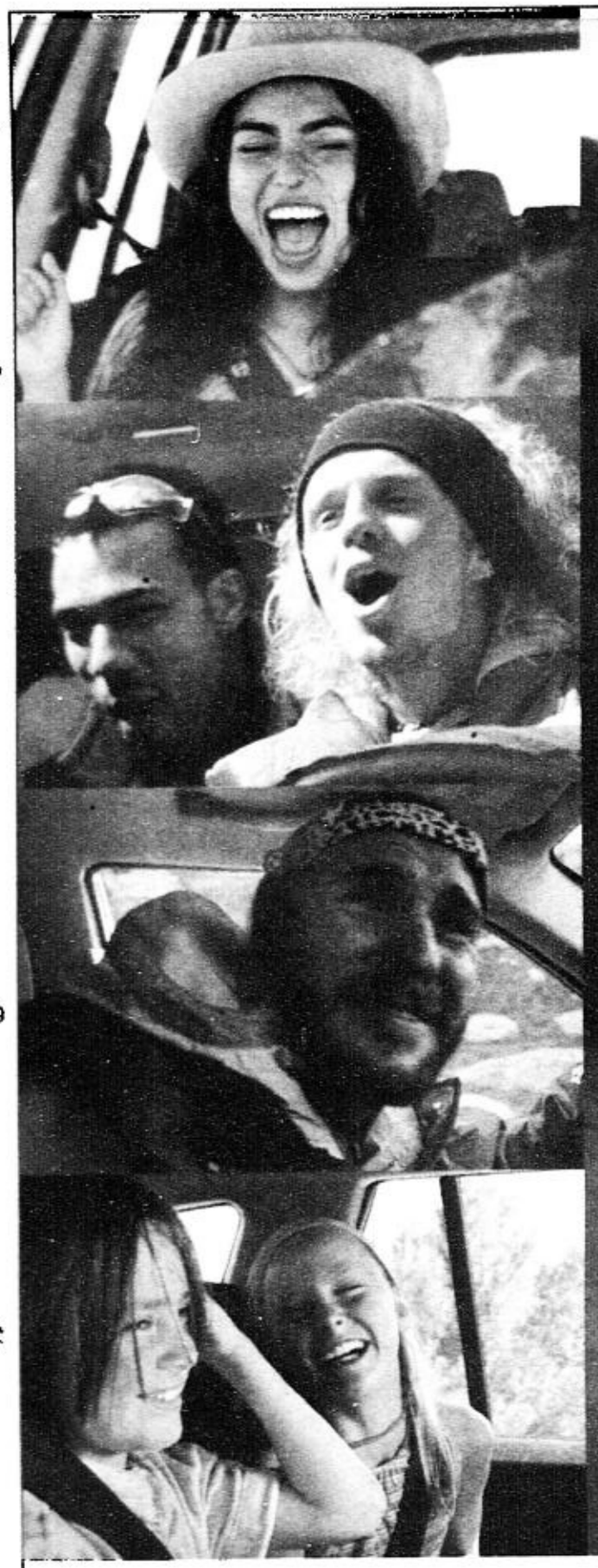

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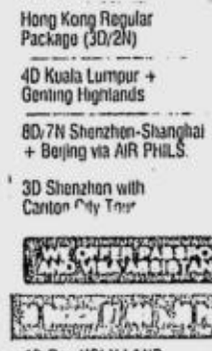

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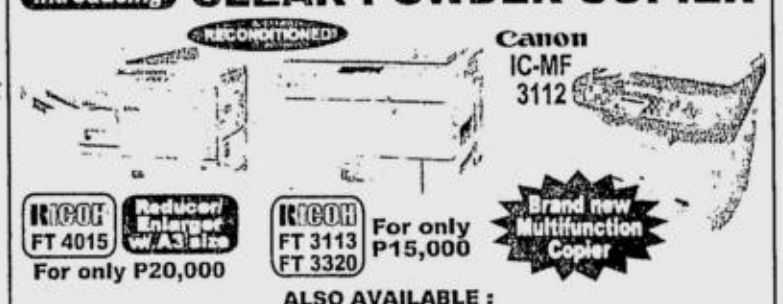

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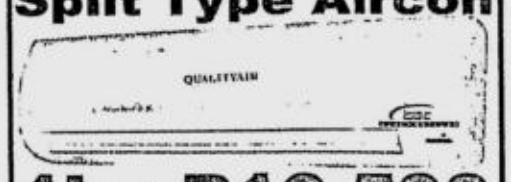

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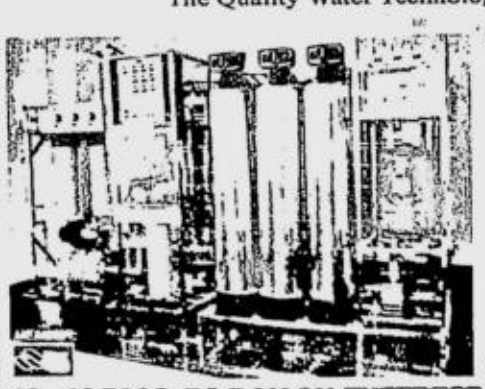

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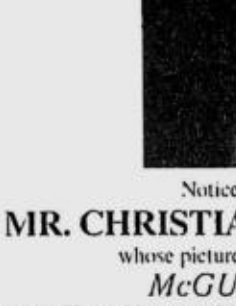

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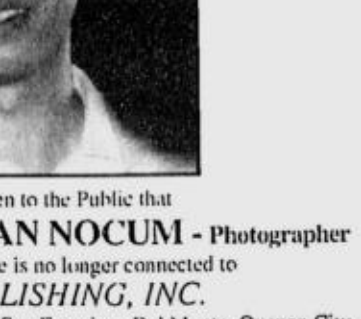

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For school year 2005-2006, there are 95 new UE-TYKFI freshmen scholars. Fifty-four of the new undergraduate scholars are from the National Capital Region, while the other 40 are from various provinces: ten from Cebu, nine from Bulacan, six from Cavite, three from Rizal, two from Laguna, two from Quezon and one each from Bataan, Batangas, Cagayan, Catanduanes, Negros Occidental, Oriental Mindoro, Pangasinan and Sorsogon.

Forty-nine of these scholars are taking up Accountancy, one of who opted for the Accountancy and Computer-Based Accounting Systems program. Seventeen of the new scholars are taking up Dentistry: four in Dental Proper, 13 others in the two-year Associate in Health Science Education program. Another 16 have chosen to take up Engineering: 11 in Electronics and Communications Engineering, three in Civil Engineering and two in Electrical Engineering. Six have information technology-related majors: four in Information Technology, two in Computer Studies. Two others are taking up Biology, another two are taking up Mathematics (one undergraduate, the other postgraduate).

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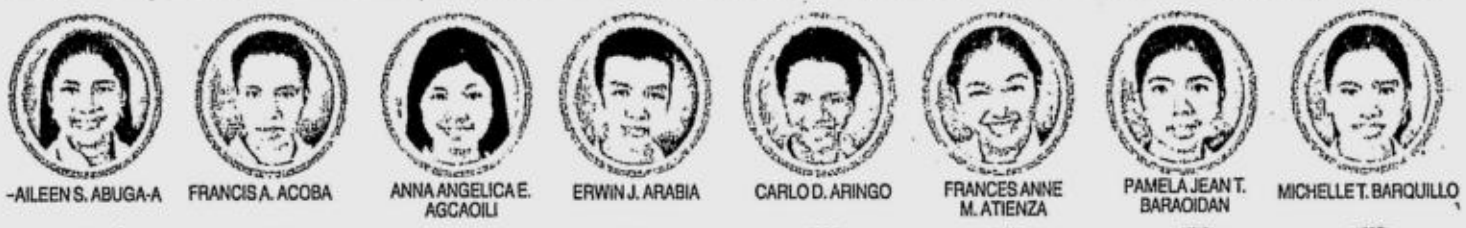

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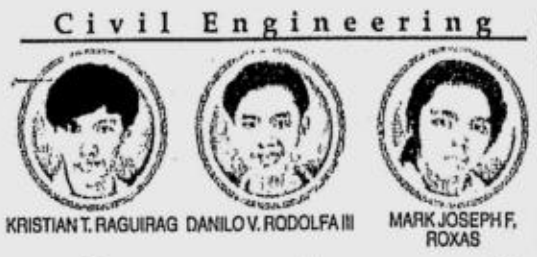

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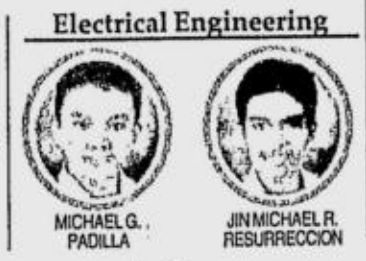

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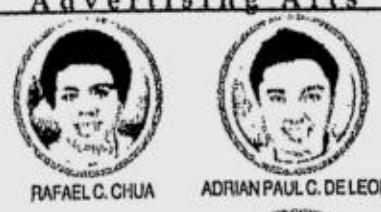

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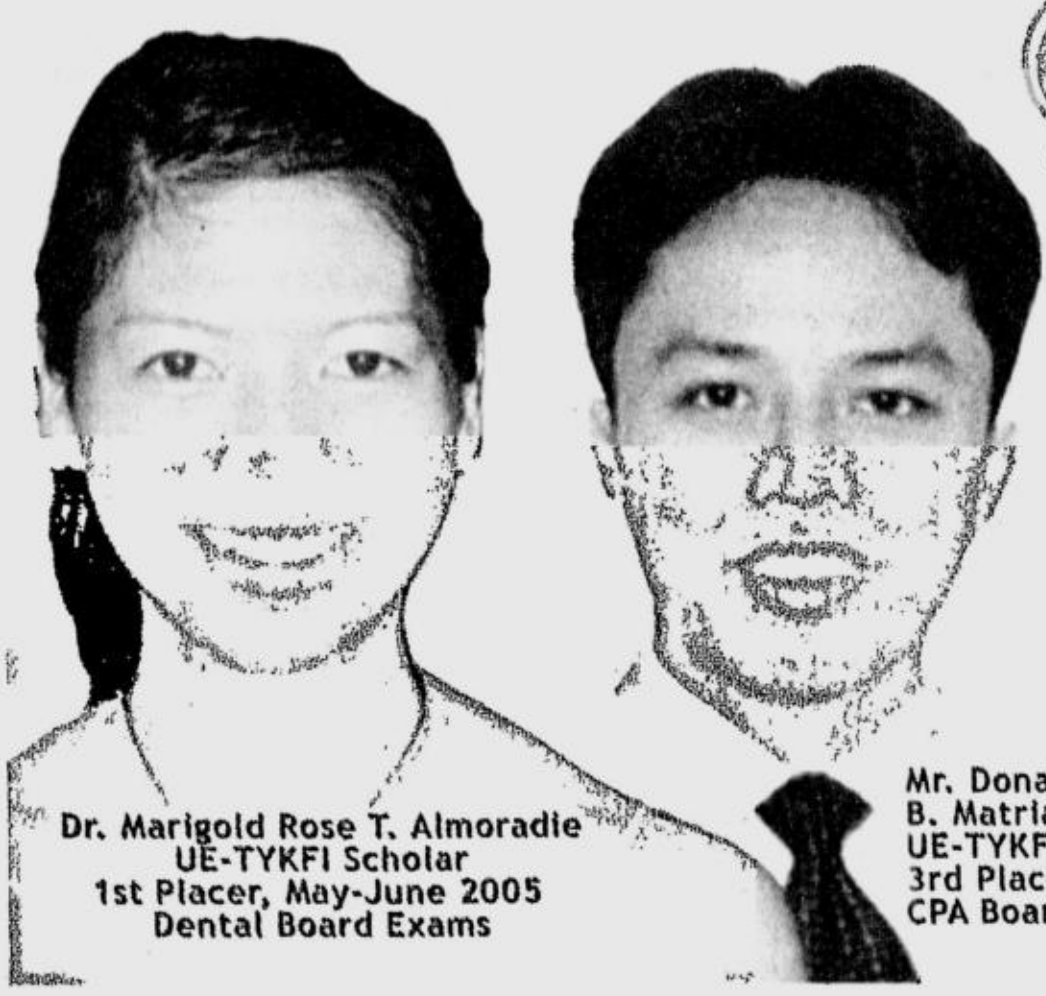

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As scholars of the Tan Yan Kee Foundation, Inc. and the University of the East, make full use of this chance to learn and upgrade your knowledge. You have your whole life ahead of you and more opportunities will surely come your way. In the future, long after you cease to be UE-Tan Yan Kee scholars, try to do something for our country. Keep in mind that the more you help, the more meaningful your lives will be. All of you are *pag-asa ng bayan* and I hope all of you will have a bright future.

Congratulations and my warmest welcome to our new batch of UE-Tan Yan Kee scholars!

— Dr. LUCIO C. TAN
Founding Chairman and President,
Tan Yan Kee Foundation, Inc., and
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The TAN YAN KEE FOUNDATION, INC.

The Tan Yan Kee Foundation, Inc. was established in 1986 by Dr. Lucio C. Tan in honor of the Tan family patriarch, the late Tan Yan Kee. Committed to the corporate social responsibility of the Lucio Tan Group of Companies, the Foundation's principal projects are in support of education, culture and sports, research, health and social welfare, and manpower development.

As a young man, Dr. Tan was greatly inspired by his father, who instilled in him the value of education and the virtues of hard work, humility, perseverance, filial duty, and love of God and country. It was this deep respect for their father as their foremost mentor that led Dr. Tan and his siblings to organize their most cherished foundation in his memory.

A full-fledged, non-governmental organization registered with the Philippine Council for NGO Certification, the Tan Yan Kee Foundation receives its income primarily from donations derived from Dr. Tan and his group of companies. Governed by a 15-man Board of Trustees, the Foundation's affairs are managed by an Executive Director and a professional staff.

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God's phone pals

IN A BBC DOCUMENTARY THAT WILL AIR THIS week, two Palestinian leaders disclose a revealing detail from a conversation they had in June 2003 with US President George W. Bush.

Nabil Shaath, at that time the Palestinian foreign minister, was with Mahmoud Abbas, now the Palestinian president. Shaath recalls: "President Bush said to all of us: 'I'm driven with a mission from God. God would tell me, George, go and fight those terrorists in Afghanistan. And I did. And then God would tell me, George, go and end the tyranny in Iraq... And I did.'"

EDITORIAL

Apparently, the leader of the world's biggest economy and commander in chief of history's mightiest military machine enjoys a direct line to God.

"That's absurd. He's never made such comments," White House spokesperson Scott McClellan huffed. Shaath, for his part, issued an elegant "non-denial" denial. He confirmed what he had told the BBC, but added: "It was really a figure of speech. We felt he was saying that he had a mission, a commitment, his faith in God would inspire him ... rather than [that there was] a metaphysical whisper in his ear."

Ah, the old figure-of-speech dodge. But did Bush, in fact, make such a distinction? In other words, does it really matter whether Bush received his divine mission from the voice of God whispering in his ear or from hours spent on his knees, deep in prayer? In the real world, say, in the Iraq he thought was hiding weapons of mass destruction so potent they constituted a terrorist threat to the United States, the impact would have been the same in either case.

We do not begrudge him his abiding, abundant faith, which by all accounts has given order and purpose to his life. But we do wonder what kind of "God" can justify a war based on false premises, launched in a manner that undermined international institutions and the very community of nations, in a land already soaked in the blood of religious martyrs of all kinds, for a belated purpose inadequately prepared for, and whose failure would lead directly to greater volatility in the already violent Middle East.

This is not the first time, of course, that an American president has stood up after hours of prayer to order the conquest of another land (and, as a consequence, the deaths of untold thousands who did not have the benefit of his religious faith). Over a hundred years ago, William McKinley struggled with the burden of "manifest destiny."

"I thought first we would take only Manila; then Luzon; then other islands perhaps also. I walked the floor of the White House night after night until midnight; and I am not ashamed to tell you, gentlemen, that I went down on my knees and prayed (to) Almighty God for light and guidance more than one night. And one night late it came to me this way, that there was nothing left for us to do but to take them all, and to educate the Filipinos, and uplift and civilize and Christianize them, and by God's grace do the very best we could by them, as our fellowmen for whom Christ also died."

(It is worth noting that, of the four reasons that justified McKinley's decision to annex the Philippines, the first two had to do with Spain as an enemy and Germany and France as "our commercial rivals in the Orient—that would be bad business.")

But invoking God in political matters, believing that God takes sides in political or military conflict, is also bad religion; it is in fact the principal reason why so much blood has been shed in religion's name.

President Macapagal-Arroyo, who sees herself as an ally of Bush, is another of God's phone pals. She has reasoned more than once that it was "the Lord" who had put her in power. In her case, however, her connection has a distinctly Filipino twist: She also talks to God's angels.

Two weeks ago, she said she did not fear for her life because she enjoyed the protection of one of God's archangels. "So, when I am here in Iligan and when I return to Malacañang, Saint Michael is still with me."

Again, we do not see any reason to doubt the sincerity of the President's religious beliefs. But we do think that, like Bush, she is making two all-too-common mistakes. She believes the God of her fathers is on her side of the political divide, and she confuses religious redemption for political salvation.

How serious is GMA in curbing corruption?

AS I SEE IT

Neal H. Cruz

(Continued from last Friday)

HOW SERIOUS IS THE ARROYO ADMINISTRATION in instituting reforms and curbing corruption? Only as serious as paying lip service to them. Would-be whistle-blowers of crimes that have been committed or are being committed are threatened with prosecution and subjected to black propaganda. Government employees and military officers, the people who are in the best position to know about wrongdoing in their ranks, are prevented from testifying at congressional hearings being conducted precisely to prevent corruption. And now a top official of the Insurance Commission, in the middle of a no-nonsense campaign to curb corruption in the non-life insurance industry, was unceremoniously fired from his position, two days after he was praised by a senior senator for his efforts.

The biggest anomaly of Insurance Commissioner Benjamin Santos' dismissal is that no reason was given for his ouster. A replacement was simply appointed and her appointment papers became the walking papers for Santos. Santos, by the way, is not your ordinary bureaucrat. He spent his entire career in the insurance industry. He was a ranking official of the PhilamLife insurance company before he was drafted by President Macapagal-Arroyo to head the Insurance Commission. He did not apply for the job; he was persuaded to give up his lucrative position in the private sector to serve the government, precisely to clean up the insurance industry. When he set out to do just that, he was unceremoniously fired. Why?

Did the President not like the way he parted his hair? Was he suspected of flirting with the girlfriend of one of his superiors? Was he involved in a hanky-panky? Is he suspected of corruption? Did he flunk a lifestyle check? Is he incompetent? Alas, we don't know because Malacañang did not say why it fired him.

It cannot be denied that there's so much that's wrong in the non-life insurance industry. And this should be cleaned up. After 25 years of putrefaction, the Insurance Commission now stinks to high heavens. That was Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile's main point in his privilege speech: rid the non-life insurance industry of the cabal of capital-deficient companies that are ripping off the government and the people of their money.

"This rotten state of affairs in the insurance industry has impelled me to file a resolution," Enrile said, "calling on this Senate to express its collective sense to President Macapagal-Arroyo to support the efforts of the Insurance Commissioner (Santos) to enforce strictly the commands of the insurance laws of the land, and to put the full force of the regulatory powers of the Insurance Commission to good use to stop the current CTPL insurance scam."

Enrile continued: "Instead of being threatened with removal from office, public officials who are doing their jobs properly and faithfully, and who are protecting the interest of the public from unscrupulous syndicates, like those in the insurance industry, should be encouraged to carry out the reforms needed without fear.

"Too many well-meaning and dedicated public servants have been sacrificed just to please political or business interests. I speak not only of those who serve at the pleasure of the appointing power, but also of those whose tenures are protected by our civil service laws. The question is: Shall we leave such public servants defenseless when they are threatened with removal for no cause at all, except their refusal to do the illegal wishes of the well-connected and the powerful and the influential?

"In particular, is the Insurance Commissioner removable simply because he dared to cross swords with the criminal elements in the insurance industry and their powerful political cronies and patrons in the government?" Enrile asked.

He asked that "the proper Senate committee or committees look into the state of the insurance industry to stop the anomalous practices and to unmask all the buccaneers in the insurance industry, that have been exploiting and cheating our insured public, including their powerful patrons."

Enrile already named in his speech the leader of the cabal and his insurance company, the Senate can take it from there. And industry sources said at least two incumbent congressmen own two of the capital-deficient insurance firms to be adversely affected if the reforms that Santos had in mind were implemented. Finance Secretary Gary Teves is a former congressman himself.

Enrile proposed that the Insurance Commission be made into a constitutionally independent regulatory agency, like the Bangko Sentral, to insulate it from undue pressures and to arm it with sufficient powers to effectively perform its duties.

The suggestions were logical. It is therefore strange that instead of accepting Enrile's proposals, the administration quickly dismissed Santos. This is an indication of how powerful and influential the criminals in the non-life insurance industry are. And we should all fight them lest they infect with corruption other sectors of Philippine society.

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Over the weekend I tried the new gasoline being marketed by Petron, the Xtra Unleaded. I have been using the regular unleaded gasoline since it was introduced years ago. How does the Xtra Unleaded gas differ?

I was pleasantly surprised to know the difference. After driving with Xtra Unleaded almost nonstop during the weekend, I discovered that the mileage of the car I used increased tremendously. What's more, the exhaust gases were very clean. Best of all, Xtra Unleaded is cheaper than the regular unleaded.

Fighting terror

THERE'S THE RUB

Conrado de Quiros

I FULLY ENDORSE THE ANTITERROR bill Congress has just passed and I intend to follow its strictures to the letter.

The bill defines terrorism as "the premeditated, threatened, or actual use of violence . . . with the intention of creating or sowing a state of danger, fear, or chaos among the public." Acts of terrorism include: "threatening, or causing, serious unlawful interference with or serious unlawful disruption of an essential service, facility or system; hijacking any kind of aircraft or any means of mass transportation; threatening to kidnap or deprive any person of his liberty."

The bill adds some clauses on conspiracy to commit terrorism. It says: "There is a conspiracy to commit terrorism when two or more persons come to an agreement to commit any act of terrorism as defined herein. There is a proposal to commit terrorism when any person who had decided to commit an act of terrorism proposes its execution to some other person or persons." Acts that aid terrorism include: "harboring or concealing any person whom one has reasonable ground to believe has committed an act of terrorism," and "failure to disclose acts of terrorism," which is when "any person who having personal knowledge or information of any acts of terrorism conceals or does not make known the same."

We have a clear and present danger today, the bill says. Desperate times call for desperate measures. Thus: "Any peace officer or private person may, without warrant, arrest a person: (a) when in his presence the person to be arrested has committed, is committing, or is attempting to commit (terrorism), and (b) when an act of terrorism has been committed and he has reasonable ground to believe the person to be arrested has committed the same."

Well, I know someone who has committed an act of terrorism, as defined in meticulous legalese by the bill. This person has, with ruthless premeditation, committed an act of exceptional violence not just against a person or group of persons in this country but against all its citizens. I don't know that it was her—yes, she's a she—intention to sow danger, fear, or chaos, but that is clearly what her terrorist act has unleashed. At no time in its history has this country fallen more steeply into divisiveness and disorder, grinding poverty and moral bankruptcy. To say that a reign of terror holds sway among us today is to understate things.

This person has caused serious unlawful interference in the most essential service, facility and system of this country. She has disrupted the most essential service, facility and system of this country. What can be more vital than the service, facility and system of government itself? What can be more primordial for the health and well-being of the citizens than democracy itself? What can be a more extreme act of violence and wanton destruction than thwarting the will of the citizens by stealing their vote? What can be a more patent act of terrorism than imposing yourself on a people that not only did not vote for you but also detest you?

There was a clear conspiracy to commit an act of terrorism when this person and a Comelec official—let's call him Garci—agreed to commit the act of terrorism defined above. There was a proposal to commit an act of terrorism when this person proposed to the Comelec official to make sure that she won the elections by no less than a million votes. Indeed there was a conspiracy and proposal to commit terrorism when this Comelec official proposed the very literal abduction of certain people who proposed to tell the world about the act of terrorism they had wreaked, were wreaking and were planning to wreak some more.

The person I speak of has aided and abetted terrorism by willfully, and probably gleefully, harboring and concealing an entity everyone knows to have committed terrorism. This Comelec official was nowhere to be found when Congress demanded his presence. He was last known, if not to have hijacked an aircraft or any means of mass transportation, at least to have boarded a private plane with the express consent of those who were harboring and concealing him. To this day no one knows where he is. One knows only that he is sowing his wild oats somewhere, reaping a rich harvest from sowing terror in this country.

The person I speak of has not just failed to disclose an act of terrorism and to yield, or point the authorities in the direction of, the individual who has committed the same; she has obstructed every attempt of the authorities to do so. Indeed, she has obstructed the efforts of those who know about the act of terrorism Garci has wreaked to disclose what they know about it, who his co-conspirators were, what other acts of terrorism he committed along the way. To cover up this act of terrorism, she has incited Congress to commit another act of terrorism by killing any effort to bring it to light. Just as well, she has ordered the military officers who witnessed Garci's act of terrorism to never disclose what they saw.

I agree: We have a clear and present danger today. (A) Before our very eyes, a person has committed, is committing and attempts to commit an act of terrorism. (B) An act of terrorism has been committed, and we have more than reasonable ground to believe—with absolute certainty—the person to be arrested has committed the same.

Desperate times call for desperate measures. I have no warrant, but I'm on my way to Malacañang right now to arrest its occupant.

The congressional oversight function

SOUNDING BOARD

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THE DISTINCTION BETWEEN SECTION 21 AND Section 22 of Article VI of the Constitution is not often adverted to. The controversy involving Executive Order No. 464 makes it necessary for the distinction to be clarified. Briefly, Section 21 can be characterized as compulsive, Section 22 as polite and permissive.

Section 21 empowers Congress and its committees to conduct investigations in aid of legislation. The empowerment includes coercive power over witnesses. Section 22 deals with the oversight function of Congress, that is, the power to inquire how laws passed by Congress are being implemented. It is thus necessary to determine whether a congressional hearing is being conducted under Section 21 or under Section 22.

There is ample jurisprudence on Section 21, but I am not aware of any jurisprudence on Section 22. But we can discern the spirit and intent of Section 22 from its legislative history.

The text of Section 22 has evolved over the years. Before the 1935 Constitution, there was this rule in the Administrative Code, which said: "The Secretaries may be called, and shall be entitled to be heard, by either of the two Houses of the Legislature, for the purpose of reporting on matters pertaining to their Departments, unless the public interest shall require otherwise and the Governor-General shall so state in writing." The obvious purpose was to enable the department heads to be heard by the legislature, thereby achieving cooperation between the executive and legislative departments. The practice was for various legislative committees to **request** department secretaries either to appear before legislative committees or to furnish written information.

In the drafting of the 1935 Constitution, the Convention debated whether the statutory provision should be elevated to the level of a constitutional provision. Those opposed to the incorporation of the rule in the Constitution saw the Administrative Code provision as a feature of a parliamentary system and, therefore, contrary to the system of separation of powers. But the provision was adopted, nonetheless, in order to obviate any constitutional challenge to a department head communing with Congress and in order to keep dealings between department heads and Congress in the open. On the whole, it was thought that information given by secretaries would improve the quality of legislation. The provision written into the 1935 Constitution was substantially copied from the Administrative Code provision.

The whole tenor of the provision was permissive. It was all a matter of request or invitation. Nobody adverted to the need of enforcement through formal legislative summonses or through the use of legislative contempt powers because everything was supposed to be a gentlemanly exchange between equals.

The rules radically changed with the adoption of the 1973 Constitution. The original 1973 Constitution adopted a parliamentary form of government and, with it, the parliamentary devise of the "question hour," which was intended to serve not so much as an aid to legislation but as an instrument for keeping the administration in line. Thus, the prime minister and Cabinet members could be "required to appear and answer questions and interpellations" to give an account of their stewardship. When in 1981 the Constitution was revised, it changed the form of government back to the presidential system, thereby returning executive power to the president; but it retained the question hour with regard to the prime minister and members of the Cabinet. However, the president was kept free from legislative summonses.

During the deliberations of the 1986 Constitutional Commission, the report of the Legislative Committee, which was chaired by Commissioner Hilario Davide Jr., proposed the adoption of the question hour during which "the Members of the Cabinet and their deputies may be **required** to appear and answer questions and interpellations by Members of the National Assembly." The proposal, however, was vigorously resisted as being contrary to the essence of separation of powers in a presidential system. After much debate and after a series of reformulations, the present provision was unanimously approved: "The heads of departments may upon their own initiative, with the consent of the President, or upon the **request** of either House, as the rules of each House shall provide, appear before and be heard by such House on any matter pertaining to their departments. . . When the security of the State or the public interest so requires and the President so states in writing, the appearance shall be conducted in executive session." The provision thus rejects the original proposal patterned after the 1973 version and reflects instead its 1935 counterpart.

What is important to note is that Section 22 covers only "department heads" and not executive officials who are lower in rank. Moreover, under Section 22, Congress has no compulsive power but only the privilege to **request**. It is different when executive officials are summoned under Section 21: Congress and its committees can then exercise compulsive power. Jurisprudence bears this out and this was made clear by Commissioner Davide in an exchange with Commissioner Regalado Maambong during the deliberations. Secretaries may not be compelled to attend hearings under Section 22. But if the hearing is under Section 21, Cabinet members become subject to the compulsive power of Congress. To refuse would mean to obstruct the work of Congress.

The conclusion from all this is that it is necessary to determine whether a hearing is being conducted under Section 21 or under Section 22.

The mission

KRIS-CROSSING MINDANAO

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THE WOMAN LOOKED NOT ONLY FORLORN. She had, in fact, a hideous appearance. Her skin was peeling off. From the fringes, she had motioned for the priest to go near her. The place was the nursing home of Blessed Mother Teresa's Missionaries of Charity in Tondo, Manila.

The woman told her story to the priest. Her husband was an alcoholic who often beat her black and blue. One night, coming home drunk, he poured kerosene on her and set her on fire. How she escaped and managed to drag her body to reach the highway was a puzzlement, the priest related. There she found help from good Samaritans who brought her to the provincial hospital. More puzzling was she found her way to the Missionaries of Charity in faraway Tondo.

When he asked her how old she was, the priest was amazed. She was only 23 years old. When he asked her where she came from, he was even more amazed. She came from Cagayan de Oro. Everything happened in the urban barangay of Lapasan.

The priest was the Rev. Fr. Daniel Patrick Huang, S.J., provincial superior of the Jesuits in the Philippines. The place where he told that story was Cagayan de Oro, a city that he was familiar with in the past, including Lapasan. It was in this city where he spent his regency years as a young Jesuit. The occasion was the formal investiture of the new president of Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan.

Father Huang disturbed his audience with his heartrending story. The silence that engulfed his narration was deafening. But the mission of Catholic universities, he said, is to heal a world that is broken. That is how he said it: not a broken world, but "a world that is broken." It is, then, not just to reach out to battered and burned wives, but to reconstruct a society that no longer has the values, where human dignity was once held supreme.

Universities are for learning, but of what kind? In a world that cannot even secure the frail and the endangered, what can a university do? The answer does not even wholly lie in academic curricula. Neither is it found in accreditations and CHED regulations. Perhaps, it lies partly in the integrity of an institution's faculty. Perhaps, it can be found partially in a university's vision and goals, however rhetorical many seem to be. The answer certainly lies in a constellation of all these. And then more.

Father Huang's narration was certainly disturbing in an age where universities are a dime a dozen. How many of them truly realize that mission? Too often, we decry the decline of many of our young graduates' communication skills. But, perhaps, more sobering is the decline of the values of our young. Are our universities truly capable of confronting a world that is changing in a dizzying pace?

The man most probably disturbed by the message of that moment was the 45-year-old Jesuit Fr. Jose Ramon T. Villarin. Father Jett's credentials are impressive: valedictorian of his college graduating class at Ateneo de Manila University, master's degree at Marquette University in Wisconsin, and summa cum laude in his doctorate of Atmospheric Physics at Georgia Institute of Technology. Following his stint as a scientist at the Manila Observatory, the presidency of Xavier University-Ateneo de Cagayan came as a plum post for this rising Jesuit star. Father Jett heads the first university in Mindanao, and the first Jesuit university in the entire Philippines. Xavier U ranked No. 5 in a recent academic evaluation of Philippine universities, after two UP units, De La Salle University, and St. Louis University of Baguio. It is also the richest of all the Ateneos.

But this is no longer the same Mindanao it used to be. Where before Xavier was the fulcrum of Cagayan de Oro sociopolitical and cultural life, today there are two other universities in the city, with two more applying for university status. One of these will be a state university for science and technology. Moreover, the promotion of culture and the arts and Mindanao peace-building is being led by Capitol University, which has also entered into research fellowships with prominent American institutions of higher learning. I speak as an alumnus of Xavier-Ateneo. Today, universities can only improve the quality of education in provincial cities by cooperating as a network.

A hundred days into his new Mindanao assignment, Father Jett has not only met with all the sectors of the university, but also with the main players of the community—political leaders, government planners, educational administrators and civic stalwarts of Northern Mindanao. His investiture was attended also by Muslims and *lumads*.

And therein probably lies the secret of a university's mission. For a university can be effective only inasmuch as it is operative in its mission to the community it serves. Communities are not only made up of personalities. More importantly, it is made up of souls, lost souls in fact. It is also made up of families where the integrity of the young is first nurtured. The home is the genesis of education. A university can only do so much, yes, but it must be able to complement the education that takes place in the family, and then to sustain the integrity of the family for future generations. Without that community, a university is simply one that whirls aimlessly in space.

Degrees are certainly important. But they are only as important as a university's mission. If diploma mills shortsell society of what it truly deserves, universities that have no concern for the community they serve do more violence to a world that is broken.

The truth truly sets people free.

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Fear your own

THE LONG VIEW

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DAVID LETTERMAN SAID IT BEST IN HIS OPENing monologue last Oct. 10. Right after a joke about the ongoing corruption scandal ("Boy, yesterday down there in Washington, D.C. there was some excitement. They shut down Pennsylvania Avenue due to a suspicious package. It turns out it was just a big bag of laundered cash for Tom de Lay.") that's shaking the US Congress, he said, "And then it turns out that a former marine has been arrested for allegedly stealing intelligence memos from the White House. How about that? The guy would get into the White House and was stealing those intelligence memos, and I was thinking, well, at least, it's good to know someone was reading those memos... But it's a real mystery. No one can figure out how he got into the White House, no one can figure out how he managed to stay there so long—wait, that's Bush." It might have been a joke, but there it was, in a nutshell.

For Americans, the real issues are: how the US Marine Corps could have produced a traitor to the United States; the espionage leak in the White House (which happens to be ultra-paranoid about such things and takes pride in its being security-conscious), or how an official given responsibilities in Dick Cheney's bunker-mentality office got to do the things he did, and went on doing them in the FBI (and only got caught when he reverted to Old World [that is, Filipino-at-home] habits by trying to fix a problem for his friend); and the generally low esteem Americans have for their president.

The Filipino origin of the spy under fire—Leandro Aragoncillo—is the most irrelevant part. The problem isn't Aragoncillo's spying for Filipino friends; it's his being downright un-American after that country gave him every chance to prosper and shine.

Of course, there are Right-wing American pundits, like Michelle Malkin, who may be "Filipino-American" but more concerned with pleasing the Great White Fathers and playing a dutiful Little Brown Sister. (She claims to be of Filipino descent of some sort... what sort? Read on.) When the case of Aragoncillo hit the big networks, she commented, "If it means now that the White House will be applying extra scrutiny to naturalized Americans of Filipino descent working at the top levels of government and in the military, well, yes, I support that. It's obviously overdue. And, as I argued in my last book, it's just one small step towards the kind of national security profiling we should have introduced aggressively after 9/11. But didn't."

You know the type. A fellow native does something bad? Why, kick all your fellow natives just to keep on the good side of Uncle Sam! It gives the embarrassed Great White Fathers, under fire from their fellow Anglo-Saxons because of the rising crescendo of conservative exasperation with the bumbling cronyism of President Bush and some of the leading lights (now sadly dimming rather fast) of the Republican Party. As John Stewart of the "Daily Show" recently put it, the Republicans have learned more about how to commit corruption in five years than the Democrats in 50 years.

Anyway, the President of the Philippines outdid Malkin in sycophancy—breathing fire and thunder about Aragoncillo and Aquino having placed Philippine-American relations in danger. What Philippine-American relations? There has been no such relations "worth a pitcher of warm spit," to borrow a phrase from John Nance Garner (at one time a US vice president), since she abandoned the coalition of the willing in Iraq. (I disagreed with that decision, much as I opposed the war. An international commitment to an ally is a commitment). Ms Arroyo—and the Philippines—has been paying the price for that turn-around ever since. The Bush administration is justifiably famous for being vindictive of those who dare to heed considerations that it did not dictate. But a risk to Philippine-American relations? How can that get any worse, after what she herself did to it? That's a pretty battered black pot badmouthing two little kettles.

Now our media are feasting on the nervousness of Filipino-Americans—presumably the naturalized and green card holders, particularly those working for a state government or the federal government—who are worried that a cloud of suspicion will hang over their heads for some time to come and because of this a series of loyalty checks will be conducted with them as targets. But I don't see American Jews getting all that antsy and nervous, even after espionage operations, state-sponsored by a leading US ally, Israel, have been surfacing with some regularity. There's no anti-Jewish suspicion or reprisals either. And so, Filipino-Americans should have no reason to worry about anti-Fil-Am sentiments or measures. Or so I thought, until I read Malkin.

The real issue here, is that a security-obsessed administration in America dropped the ball. The bonus for us locals is that the whole affair has pretty much put former President Estrada and his senator-son, and Sen. Panfilo Lacson on the defensive. How Michael Ray Aquino and the hordes of Filipinos who descend on the US Embassy on social occasions, not only to gorge on canapés but also feed every bit of useful gossip to American diplomats, differ is beyond me. Maybe, the difference is simply determined by your ability to be on the embassy's mailing list, and going home every night to a home on Filipino soil. Anyway, if I were Filipino-American, I'd be giving those Anglo-Saxons running their government frightened looks. Look what adopting their mindset does to Fil-Ams like Malkin. One of their own is egging on the witch hunt.

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Manila: next target of 'juramentados'?

COMMENTARY

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IN THE AFTERMATH OF THE OCT. 1 BALI BOMBINGS, Philippine authorities have understandably issued warnings, raised alert levels and directed shopping malls and mass transport hubs to put in place additional security precautions to forestall a similar incident here.

The heightened alert is justifiable. There have been enough terrorist attacks this year, which were attributed to the Mindanao-based terrorist group Abu Sayyaf. Among these: the bombing of a passenger ferry in Basilan province in late August which killed four people and injured 22 others, and the simultaneous bomb attacks last February in the cities of Makati, Davao, and General Santos, which killed five people and wounded several others. In February 2004, over a hundred people were killed after the Abu Sayyaf bombed the Superferry 14 off Manila Bay.

The recent Bali bombings, believed to be the handiwork of the al-Qaida-linked Jemaah Islamiyah, are a wake-up call for Manila because the Indonesian-based terror organization has apparently established close links with the Abu Sayyaf. And if the recent Bali blasts are any indication, then it is very likely that the next Abu Sayyaf-Jemaah Islamiyah operation in the Philippines could be a suicide bombing.

A suicide bombing in the Philippines will not be an unexpected development, for several reasons.

First, it will ratchet up the level of confrontation to a new and qualitatively higher phase, with state security forces forced to maintain constant vigilance because existing security shields could prove largely inutile or ineffective. With the government preoccupied with security and with thinking of ways to protect the population, it would be very difficult for the Arroyo administration to achieve economic progress and political stability.

Second, it will send a strong and chilling signal to the Philippine government that the Abu Sayyaf and Jemaah Islamiyah are not only alive and kicking; they are even more determined to inflict the most damage in pursuit of their goal of a pan-Asian caliphate that will include Mindanao.

And third, a suicide bombing will be the continuation, in another form, of the Moro *juramentado* or amok of the early part of the 20th century, during the American colonial period. The *juramentado*, according to historical accounts, did not hesitate to attack the American forces that were sent to pacify Mindanao. Brandishing the *kris*, a lethal bladed weapon, and invoking Allah's name while in a state of murderous frenzy, the *juramentado* defied even superior arms, prompting the American occupiers to ask the US government to produce a more powerful handgun. The result was the .45-caliber pistol, which could stop any *juramentado* dead in his tracks.

Unfortunately, neither the United States nor any country in the international coalition against terrorism has developed a silver bullet that would put an end to suicide bombings. Suicide bombings take place daily in various parts of Iraq, while the Palestinian Hamas' Al Aqsa Martyrs' Brigade recruits men—and even women—willing to die for Islam and for their dream of a Palestinian state.

In Asia, the Tamil Tigers of Sri Lanka have also adopted the tactic of suicide bombing in their war against the government, which is dominated by the Sinhalese majority.

Further back in history, toward the end of World War II, the Japanese Imperial Army took to launching kamikaze missions (suicide attacks) in a last-ditch effort to delay Japan's impending defeat in the hands of Allied forces.

While there may not be concrete evidence to show that the Abu Sayyaf and Jemaah Islamiyah are in fact planning suicide bombings, we can assume that within terrorist cells, training manuals detailing on how to prepare bombs placed in vests (such as those worn by suicide bombers in the Middle East) or in backpacks (such as those used in the recent London bombings) are freely available, and it is only a matter of time before a Bali-style bombing takes place in the country.

But to say that suicide bombings may be inevitable in the Philippines does not mean that authorities cannot do anything but throw up their hands in despair.

Preemptive action against suspected terrorist cells may be necessary even in the absence of an anti-terrorism law that meets human rights standards. The courts can be asked to authorize wiretapping of terrorist suspects. Again, with the court's consent, authorities can look into bank accounts that are suspected of being used to fund terrorist activities. Seizing the initiative and taking pro-active measures are preferable to waiting for the "Big Bang."

Good intelligence work on the part of law enforcers should be matched by initiatives in the political sphere. Peace talks between the Philippine government and the separatist Moro Islamic Liberation Front in Malaysia, brokered by Malaysia, appear to be proceeding on course. A comprehensive peace agreement within the near future could contain the spread of the Abu Sayyaf-Jemaah Islamiyah's ideology of terror, and politically isolate the zealots in Moro ranks. A negotiated peace in Mindanao is a big step forward in ensuring that the rest of the country does not descend into anarchy because of suicide bombings.

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THEY SAID

Tough competition

"I may be more experienced but I went against younger actors who gave it their all—and they were all good."

—Actor Raymond Bagatsing, speaking of the competition in the reality show "Hollywood Dream" where he was one of two finalists

False prophets

"We should stop seeing them as Nostradamuses who can see into the future. Their clairvoyant powers are suspect. The card readers in Plaza Miranda are probably better."

—Sen. Ralph Recto, dismissing the intelligence report made by US Chargé d'Affaires Joseph Mussomeli on the Philippine situation

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Institutionalizing political robotics

THE CONGRESSIONAL DEBATE ON THE IMpeachment of President Macapagal-Arroyo exposed two kinds of politicians in this country.

The rational, who are unfortunately the minority, wanted impeachment and had hoped that their number would increase. The rest turned out to be robots and voted against impeachment. The latter's reason for their stand: "independence of mind." But it is now clear that had they voted for impeachment, they would have been expelled from their party.

And now these political robots, more specifically their operators, are coming forth, proposing that they be the ones to change the presidential form of government into a parliamentary system where the majority party determines who will run the government. In other words, they would institutionalize political robotics.

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LETTERS TO THE INQUIRER

Young opposition members didn't harangue Speaker JDV

I WRITE TO PROTEST AGAINST the column of Belinda Olivares-Cunanan, which was titled "Opposition lost points with walkout." (PDI, 9/1/05) In that column she wrote: "Speaker Jose de Venecia is said to have endured the way neophyte Representatives Teofisto Guingona III and Rozanno Rufino Biazon harangued him and jabbed their fingers at him."

I have to defend my honor against this utterly false and fabricated accusation. I least expected this to come from Cunanan because she and her husband are good friends of my parents. Retired Gen. Thelmo Cunanan is a "mistah" of my father in PMA Class '61 and a co-defender of the Republic against the 1989 coup plotters.

At no time during the impeachment hearings, or ever in my two terms in Congress, have I harangued De Venecia or even the lowest-ranking staff of Congress. That is not the way my parents brought me up. They instilled in me the highest respect for authority and discipline. I am constantly aware and conscious of the need for me to control my emotions and maintain proper decorum due to the position that I occupy. I challenge her to personally ask De Venecia or any other member of Congress about my behavior.

In spite of all the injustice and unfair play that we experienced in the House, I kept my temper under control. If ever some of my colleagues manifested their frustration and exasperation in a more expressive manner, I cannot blame them except for their youth and drive to achieve change in this country. I just hope that she also notes the behavior of the other members of Congress, who, despite their seniority, have shown signs of immaturity and failed to set the example to the youth in the area of fair play and putting the nation's interest before self.

Cunanan's source of information on the "boorish behavior" of the young members of Congress must have lied to her just to put the pro-impeachment groups in a bad light. I suggest that she talk to these young members just like she would with her own children to get their side of the story and a view of what we're fighting for. This on top of a public apology from her or the publication of this letter to clear my name of her allegations.

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Exotic fares but odious

THIS IS IN REACTION TO A FEAture article titled "Bulacan byroad binges." (PDI, 9/1/05)

It is quite disheartening that despite efforts by the government to advocate wildlife conservation, the INQUIRER devoted a full-page article featuring, among other things, the thrills and satisfaction the author got from eating *tapang usa* ("dried" wild deer) and *tapang baboy damo* ("dried" wild boar).

For the longest time, the Department of Environment and Natural Resources-Protected Areas and Wildlife Bureau (DENR-PAWB), despite limited access to mass media, has been trying to advocate wildlife conservation. Through a modest information program, it is trying to educate the public on the urgent need to save what remains of our threatened wildlife species. It is continuously seeking partners that are committed to wildlife conservation. Just recently, it has formalized its partnership with the Philippine National Police in so far as the enforcement of Republic Act 9147 (the Wildlife Conservation and Protection Act) is concerned.

The INQUIRER is one of the most widely read newspapers in the country today. We believe that such stature carries with it a greater responsibility of educating the reading public on the importance and relevance of conserving our wildlife species rather than promoting them as exotic offerings in restaurants.

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GMA's legacy to Comelec

WITH THE GLORIAGATE SCANdal getting hotter and deeper, the noose tightens around Gloria Macapagal-Arroyo's neck even as the truth about her character becomes more and more apparent and pronounced. It may be recalled that at the height of the Jose Pidal controversy, she announced that she would not run for president.

Perhaps, to make her announcement more credible, she even promised to computerize the Commission on Elections, as a "legacy" of her administration. Her trick apparently worked because the brewing Jose Pidal scandal died down, in effect extending her political life.

I am very sure that when GMA appointed Virgilio Garcillano and Manuel Barcelona as election commissioners, she already had decided that she would run. I am also very sure that one way or the other, GMA had a direct hand in stopping the computerization of the elections, perhaps, after she realized that it would be harder to cheat in a computerized system. So much for the "legacy" that she promised. For her, it was another promise meant to be broken.

For now, we have no reason to believe that Barcelona was an accomplice in the cheating that happened, but we have reason to believe that by reverting back to the manual system, it became easier for "operators" like Garcillano to go about their cheating ways.

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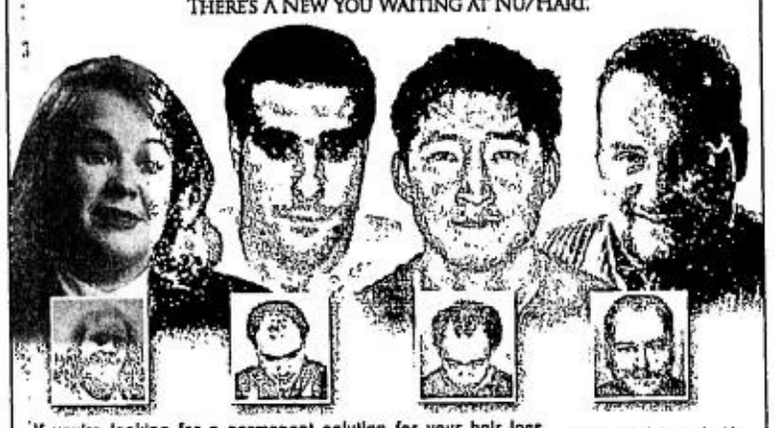

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'Candaba likely area for bird flu outbreak'

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CANDABA, PAMPANGA—THIS TOWN LOOMS AS A "POTENTIAL ground zero" of a bird flu outbreak in the Philippines if the national government does not move to support preventive measures here, Mayor Jerry Pelayo warned on Sunday.

The mayor raised the concern after a risk assessment study by the local government showed "high" chances of a ground zero scenario. In military and police parlance, it means the seat of a disaster or the point of an explosive impact. The term was used on the heels of the Sept. 11, 2001 terrorist attacks in New York.

The study, "Candaba: A case for ground zero," was made by a team of municipal agriculturists, veterinarians and poultry raisers in the town and was presented to the National Disaster Coordinating Council assembly on Oct. 3, Pelayo said.

The Philippines has been free of the deadly bird flu H5N1 strain that has ravaged other Southeast Asian poultry industries and killed more than 60 people.

Factors

Pelayo said the local government's study revealed the presence of major factors here that could host an epidemic.

First, this town's portions of the 32,000-hectare Candaba Swamp are winter refuge and breeding sanctuaries of Asian migratory birds suspected as carriers of the avian flu virus.

The study, which included inputs from members of the Wild Bird Club of the Philippines, said the migratory birds came mostly from China.

Pelayo said birds started arriving here in July. Huge flocks were observed to have gathered at the swamp this month, he said.

The study team also consulted members of the Candaba Swamp Migratory Birds and Wildlife Foundation Inc., a local bird watching club, who explained the behavioral patterns of the migratory birds.

At just one site covered by the Asian Water Bird Census 2005 here in January, Timothy Fisher, one of five authors of the book "Guide to Birds in the Philippines," counted over 1,000 globetrotting mallards (*Anas platyrhynchos*) or ducks known locally as *dumara*.

Enterprises

Second, Pelayo said the town itself hosts about 500 enterprises that raise local ducks in wetlands, instead of controlled coops and cages, to avail of rice and corn grits and snails in the swamp.

This traditional way of raising ducks is done for eight months. Migratory birds come halfway into that period, mingling occasionally with domestic fowls when they feed on common grounds, Pelayo said.

The Department of Environment and Natural Resources said as much as 40,000 species of birds are known to migrate to the swamp from September to February. While most migratory birds shun people, they roost on trees and shrubs, leaving droppings there. Herons usually visit farms and fishponds to catch fish there.

Third, unlike the 20 or so marshlands being monitored across the country by the government's anti-bird flu task force, Candaba is surrounded by more than 1,000 poultry and pig farms. The swamp straddles Pampanga, Bulacan and Nueva Ecija where the industry thrives.

"The risks of exposure to the virus and its transmission must be controlled," Pelayo said.

The human population in the path of the hazard includes not only some 105,000 people in Candaba's 33 villages because Metro Manila, which has over 10 million people, is only 55 km southeast of the town.

Dr. Juvencio Ordoña, director of the Department of Health in Central Luzon, said the study was discussed with him. "The mere presence of migratory birds there and the large poultry population in the area and nearby towns make it really a potential ground zero," Ordoña said.

Renato Manantan, regional chief of the Department of Agriculture, said he has yet to read the study.

The DA's Bureau of Animal Industry, he said, was strictly monitoring Candaba and its nearby towns.

While Pelayo remained skeptical that sick birds could complete the long flight to the Philippines, he said it was still best to resort to preventive measures to ensure public health safety and in the case of Candaba, protect its P300-million duck-raising industry.

Pelayo said while duck-raisers were willing to grow their stock in controlled coops, they were asking for financial aid to buy feeds that would otherwise come free if the ducks were raised in the swamp.

Pelayo said the NDCC is sending a team to Candaba today to verify the study before the preventive measures are endorsed.

PROPOSED ACTION

- Fencing of the town's 250-hectare central wildlife reserve
- Banning duck raising in open fields
- Establishing at least four quarantine gates
- Forming a team of health and agriculture experts as a quick response unit
- Setting up of a reporting system
- Regulating bird watching
- Fielding swamp rangers to enforce a ban on hunting that would disturb the wild birds and force them to mingle with domestic fowls

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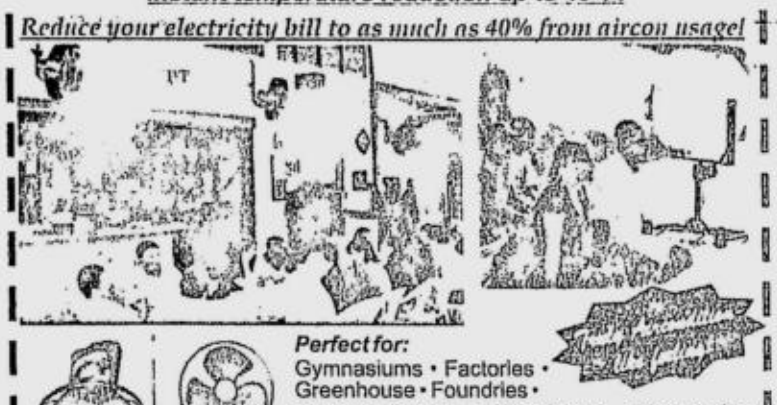
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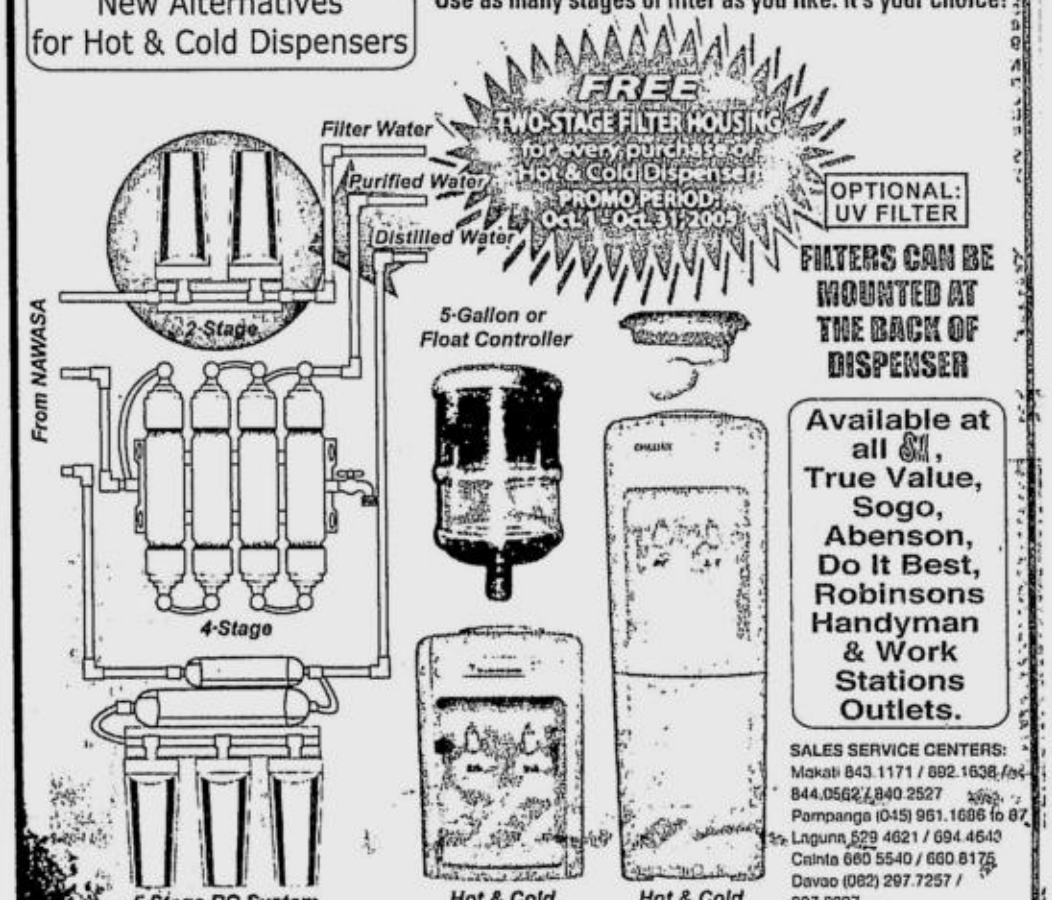

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Ivan buried amid praises for distinctive journalism

By Nestor P. Burgos Jr.
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ILOILO CITY—CEBU DAILY NEWS (CDN) editor-in-chief Ivan P. Suansing was laid to rest on Saturday amid praises for leaving a distinctive mark in journalism in Iloilo and Cebu.

Around 150 friends, former classmates, relatives and journalists paid their last respects to Suansing at his burial at the Christ the King Memorial Park in Jaro District here.

Hundreds more came to his week-long wake at the St. Joseph the Worker's Church.

Suansing, a former INQUIRER correspondent and columnist, died in Cebu City on Sept. 29 due to complications from an operation to mend a coronary artery damaged by a stroke. He was 43.

His fellow journalists lauded Suansing for his gifts as a writer and for upholding the highest ethical standards of journalism.

"It's rare that I would come across the kind of writing that Ivan did: simple, with the words flowing so beautifully, the ideas getting across so smoothly," said Iloilo provincial administrator Manuel "Boy" Mejorada, who was editor-in-chief of the Western Visayas Daily Times when Suansing joined the newspaper as a reporter in 1986.

CDN publisher and acting editor-in-chief Eileen Mangubat said that despite the deadlines and tensions, Suansing never raised his voice in the newsroom even as he was committed to nurturing the paper that he helped put up when he relocated to Cebu City in 1997.

"Ivan succumbed to a fragile heart. But, in truth, he had a bigger heart that embraced everyone, even the foolish and frivolous," said Limuel Celebria, a veteran journalist close to Suansing.

Called "Nonoy Van" by his family, Suansing was remembered as a caring and thoughtful husband, son, brother and uncle.

"He always asked about us and how we were. His last wish was to be here with us and with his family on Christmas," said his father Horacio Suansing Sr. "But this is the end of the last chapter of his life."

Suansing is the third of four children of Horacio Suansing Sr., 81, and Annabellia Palma-Suansing, 72. He is survived by his wife Chandra, 33, and children Samantha, 10, and Isaiah, 5.

Before he joined CDN as one of he core editors in 1997, he served as associate editor of the Western Visayas Daily Times and editor-in-chief of the Daily Informer and Sunstar-Iloilo.

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CEBU Daily News executives pay their last respects to Suansing last Saturday at Christ the King Cemetery in Jaro, Iloilo City.

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Army claims biggest NPA camp in Mindanao overrun

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—THE MILITARY claimed it has overrun the biggest New People's Army (NPA) camp in the region.

Col. Alfredo Cayton, 601st Army brigade commander, told reporters the top officials of the Communist Party of the Philippines (CPP) and the NPA were holding a meeting in the hinterland village of Kinam in Malapatan town, Sarangani province when government troops launched the attack on Friday dawn.

Cayton identified the CPP-NPA top officials attending the plenum as Manuel Fernandez alias Bob, commanding officer of the CPP-NPA regional operations command; Jesus Bariquit alias Brigol, head of the mobile regional guerrilla unit (MRGU) of the CPP-NPA Far South Mindanao Region; Augusto Sichon alias Sandawa, secretary general of CPP-NPA Front Committee 71; Nicanor Pason alias Ronron; and Mary Jane Berame alias Jinky.

Cayton said about 150 communist rebels were staying in the camp situated in the forested portion of Sitio Amlok in Barangay Kinam.

He said the rebels hastily abandoned their camp before the government troops arrived.

Recovered from the abandoned camp were two NPA flags, a power generating set, sacks of rice, a sack of sugar, documents, training manuals, medical paraphernalia and literature, handheld radio and several military items.

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REGATTA TROY MALCOLM/PDI MINDANAO BUREAU

A bike rider pedals along the shore as he watches the vintas in Zamboanga City. The city is celebrating its Fiesta Pilar.

5 KMP members freed on bail

BACOLOD CITY—FIVE MEMBERS OF A PEASant group here and two others suspected to be members of the Communist Party of the Philippines-New People's Army arrested by the military at a checkpoint in Barangay Camingawan, Kabankalan City on Sept. 30, were set free on Thursday.

This was after bail of P25,000 each was posted for three counts of attempted murder and frustrated murder charges filed against them.

Kabankalan Regional Trial Court Judge Henry Arles signed the release order of the so-called "Camingawan 7," who were brought to court for the first time Thursday morning for the hearing of a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed by their relatives.

Arles dismissed the petition saying it became "moot and academic" with the criminal charges filed against the seven alleged NPA members.

The "Camingawan 7" are being linked to the NPA's foiled attacks on the Army detachments in Barangays Haba and Gatuslao in Candoni town last month.

Released on Saturday were Kilusang Magbubukid ng Pilipinas-Negros members Morito Dionson, spouses Marilou and Abraham Villanueva, Charity Villar and Darry Dayanan; and driver Rico Abrasaldo and his assistant, Jermie Gellegan.

The "Camingawan 7" were among the 29 persons initially named in the three counts of attempted murder and frustrated murder filed before the Ilog-Candoni MCTC.

The seven were on board a Tamaraw FX vehicle from Dumaguete City, when they were stopped and arrested by soldiers at a checkpoint in Barangay Camingawan, Kabankalan City.

They were released from military custody Wednesday but were sent to the Provincial Jail after Ilog Judge Victor Magahud issued a commitment order for them to be detained at the Provincial Jail in Bacolod City.

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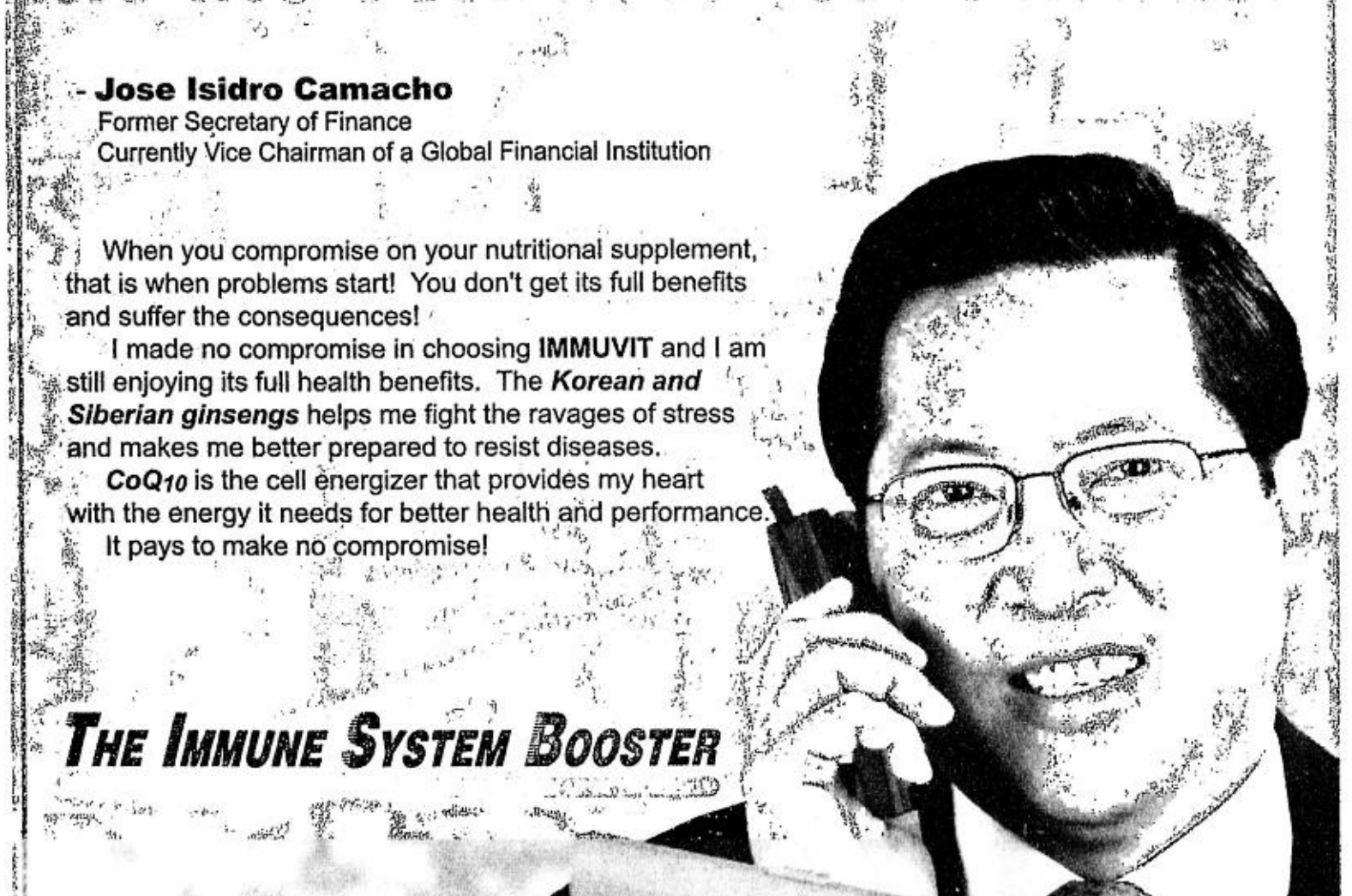

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Legal numbers game looms in Pangasinan archbishop's diocese

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LINGAYEN, PANGASINAN—NOT in my house.

As the illegal numbers game *jueteng* has yet to resurface in major towns of Pangasinan, another numbers game, albeit legal, looms right in the home province of Lingayen-Dagupan Archbishop Oscar Cruz, a staunch opponent of gambling operations in the country.

The Pangasinan provincial board on Friday calendared for first reading Resolution No. 1040-2005 which endorsed the test run of the Loterya ng Bayan by the Makati City-based firm, Numbers Numbers Co. Inc.

Authored by Board Member Emmanuel Carancho, the resolution said the board "finds no objection to the operation of Loterya ng Bayan on a temporary and experimental period of three months, subject to certain conditions as prescribed by law."

Alternative livelihood

The resolution said the Philippine Charity Sweepstakes Office (PCSO) has authorized the operation of the Loterya on an "experimental basis" in Pangasinan.

"Loterya ng Bayan would be an alternative source of livelihood for thousands of people and former *jueteng* collectors who were displaced by the sudden stop of the said illegal numbers game," it said.

A project proposal submitted by Rolando Dee, a coordinator of the Numbers Numbers Co. Inc., to the provincial board showed that the Loterya ng Bayan is a "repackaged Small Town Lottery (STL) project (a two-digit game where the winning pair is drawn from 1 to 38)." It will be run in selected provinces where *jueteng* is operating or had operated.

The board resolution said when *jueteng* operations stopped in the province, thousands of Pangasinenses working as *kubrador* (collectors), *kabo* (managers) and *rebisador* (bet reviewers), lost their only means of livelihood.

The board's move, however, saddened Cruz, the national chair of the Krusadang Bayan Laban sa Jueteng (National Crusade Against Jueteng).

The bishop said he only learned of the plan to run the Loterya ng Bayan in the province on Saturday when reporters sought his comment on the resolution.

"Is the government so morally bankrupt that it cannot think of other means to alleviate poverty and to promote common good?" he asked.

"[The Loterya] is just another form of gambling which will make more poor people poorer. How can you provide for the poor when you're taking their money through gambling and most revenues go to the big pockets of people who have no right to [enjoy it] it?" Cruz said.

Same dog

Cruz said the Loterya is the same STL that the government was planning to run to replace illegal *jueteng* operations. The police said syndicated operations of *jueteng* in major provinces in the country had stopped in April.

In an earlier statement, the bishop said the STL was "meant as a shameful substitute for *jueteng*."

"But just the same, [STL] is also a corrupt and corrupting numbers game as *jueteng*. It was already tried before and proved to be a big failure. But it is said that there is now an effort to 'perfect it,'" he said.

Franchises

Cruz said his information showed that the PCSO would operate the Loterya through franchises.

Asked by reporters if the board will not clash with the Catholic Church with the endorsement of the Loterya, Vice Gov. Oscar Lambino, the board's presiding officer, said: "[The Church] blocks all kinds of numbers game, whether legal or illegal."

"But the [board] is not the Church. [The resolution's approval] will depend on the committees. We will decide on its merits. We'll see if it will be beneficial, especially to those displaced by the stoppage of *jueteng*. [We will support it] as long as it is legal," Lambino said.

But Cruz reminded provincial officials that "not all legal things are moral."

"They can legalize drugs, divorce, prostitution and abortion but these will never be moral," he said.

"They will understand that I will not keep quiet about [this issue]. [My opposition to this proposal] is not because I am from [Pangasinan], but because it is morally wrong," he said.

Options for future of CARP, farmers up to Congress, GMA

CLARK SPECIAL ECONOMIC ZONE—The Department of Agrarian Reform has finished five of six regional consultations on the future of the Comprehensive Agrarian Reform Program, which still faces a 772,000-hectare backlog and threats of losing lands to sales or conversion.

As the consultations tried to validate the findings on the strengths and weaknesses in implementing the almost 20-year CARP, the program's directions, after its 2008 deadline, rest on legislation and President Macapagal-Arroyo's support, a DAR official said.

Martha Carmel Salcedo, DAR policy and research chief, was optimistic that CARP could go beyond its exit year. "Agrarian reform is a very, very radical piece of legislation. It is a social legislation that is deeply rooted in years of very feudalistic unrest. I would think there is no president who would abandon land asset reform," Salcedo told the INQUIRER in the Central Luzon-Southern Tagalog-Bicol leg of the consultations.

Ms Arroyo is the fourth president to have dealt with the CARP since its law, Republic Act No. 6657, was enacted in 1988. Past presidents before the imposition of martial rule in 1972, like Ms Arroyo's father Diosdado Macapagal, had tried to end landlessness, the cause of many conflicts in the provinces.

Ms Arroyo, the Senate and the House of Representatives are expected to receive next year the copy of the final study, assisted by the German Technical Cooperation, on what best to do with the CARP in the run-up to 2008 and beyond.

It may lay out four scenarios from closure to extension to shift of focus on rural development or to greater role of local governments and other agencies. These all come with political risks and strains on public resources, the initial study showed.

Lawyer Ricardo Arlanza, the DAR's national consultant for agrarian justice delivery and vice president for policy of the Land Bank of the Philippines, said the post-2008 years of CARP would not only deal with questions on additional resources.

The government had spent P110.9 billion from 1988 to 2004 in distributing 3.5 million hectares and providing support services to 1,614 agrarian reform communities.

The worst fear of Arlanza, a former DAR undersecretary, is that the gains of CARP might be reversed.

Farmers' groups had claimed that the program had either been watered down or rendered useless as landlords entrenched in politics and business resist reforms.

"The main objective is to sustain and preserve the gains of asset reform. After distributing millions of hectares and stop there, and [do] nothing [after], that's crazy," he said.

Arlanza favors the continuous support for farmers because "if there would be no sufficient support services and you cannot improve the income and quality of life, including productivity to support the family, the tendency on the part of that awardee is to sell the land."

Salcedo and Arlanza said the government's main concerns were the protection of CARP lands and the farmers' rights to these. *Tonette Orejas, PDI Central Luzon Desk*

Arrest of former Sarangani execs involved in P46-M scam ordered

GENERAL SANTOS CITY—THE Sandiganbayan had issued warrants of arrest against several former top officials of Sarangani province who were implicated in a P46-million fund scam.

Sarangani police chief Senior Supt. Efren Valeriano said he received the warrants from Sandiganbayan via registered mail last month.

Ordered arrested by the antigraft court were former governor Miguel Escobar, former vice governor Felipe Constantino and former board member Margie Rudes. Also included in the arrest warrant are dismissed appointive provincial officials Cesar Cagang (provincial treasurer), Maria Camanay (provincial accountant), Perla Maglinte (provincial administrator), Roselyn Constantino (General Services), Rosario Concon (assistant provincial treasurer), Patricio Sol, (assistant provincial agriculturist), Renante Dialawe (city council clerk) and Suzette Clerigo (designated signatory).

The arrest warrants dated August 5, 10 and 26 were issued by the First, Second, Fourth and Fifth Divisions of the Sandiganbayan.

Earlier, the Fifth Division of the antigraft court also issued a warrant of arrest against Constantino and several other employees in connection with the multi-million fund scandal.

The Ombudsman also ordered their dismissal from government service.

In 2003, the Sarangani People's Action for Reform and Good Governance (Spare-Go), using the final audit report of the Commission on Audit and the findings of the National Bureau of Investigation as bases, filed an administrative case before the Ombudsman and a criminal case before the Sandiganbayan against the officials and employees allegedly involved in a fund anomaly. The cases involve malversation of public funds through falsification of public documents.

The former governor and vice governor had posted bail.

Valeriano said Escobar posted P140,000 bail while Constantino posted P350,000 before the warrant officer could serve the order. *Aquiles Z. Zonio, PDI Mindanao Bureau*

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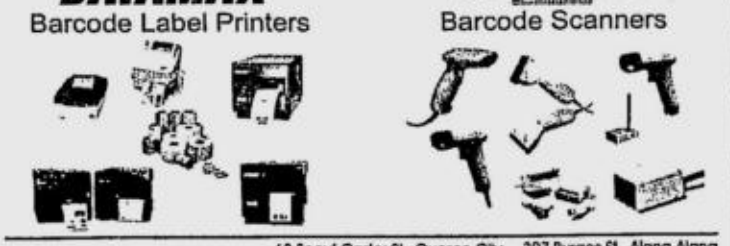

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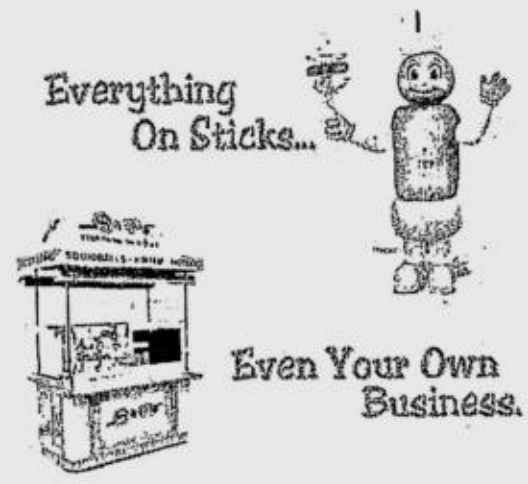

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ROUNDUP

Group wants DA exec retained

LEGAZPI CITY—The Bicól Region Confederation of Irrigators' Associations Inc. (Bircia) has asked Agriculture Secretary Domingo Panganiban to withdraw his special order appointing a retired official as the new Department of Agriculture regional director, and instead retain the present officer in charge. Bircia president Silvestre Bonto, also National Confederation of Irrigators Association president, said Panganiban's appointment of Dr. Balagtas Torres, former Region IV-A assistant regional director, was questionable as Torres had reached the mandatory retirement age last July 1. "It is prejudicial to the interest of the Bicolano farmers, who are now benefiting from the laudable agricultural programs initiated by engineer Hector Sales, the present DA Bicol OIC," Bonto said.

Leo Martin Ganace, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Motorcycle-riding robbers nabbed

LUCENA CITY—Police arrested two suspected members of a motorcycle-riding robbery gang after victimizing two Indian nationals on Friday. City police officer in charge Senior Supt. Reuben Theodore Sindac said the suspects, Michael Macasaet, 30, of Padre Garcia, Batangas and Darius Duropan, 24, of San Antonio, Quezon, first robbed Satwinder Kumar, who was traveling aboard his motorcycle along the Maharlika Highway. Kumar was stripped of his personal belongings and P10,000 in cash. After 30 minutes, the same suspects victimized one Gurmail Singh in another part of the city and robbed him of P4,000 and other personal items. Police found in the suspects the victims' wallets and cell phones.

Delfin T. Mallari Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Charcoal seized in Mindoro

CITY OF CALAPAN—Task Force Bantay Kalikasan, a multi-sectoral body formed to enforce environmental laws in Oriental Mindoro, confiscated 200 sacks of charcoal that were about to be transported to Batangas from the port here on Wednesday. A memorandum issued by Provincial Environment and Natural Resources Officer Juan de la Cruz on Sept. 1 bans charcoal-making and transport of wood charcoal products. Task Force Bantay Kalikasan Enforcement Officer Maxim Evora said a jeepney was apprehended at the Calapan port after they received a report that it was carrying sacks of charcoal. Evora said the sacks of charcoal were deposited at the Penro where they will stay until the case is resolved.

Marciano Virola, Jr., PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Fishery summit in Sorsogon

SORSOGON CITY—Representatives of various sectors convened a fisheries summit here on Oct. 4 to address the rapid depletion of marine resources. Shirley Bolaños of Coastal CORE said the summit looked into the situation of the fishery industry and the status of the marine water in the province. Among the issues to be tackled is Sorsogon Bay, which is listed among the dying bays in the country due to pollution and overfishing. Bolaños said alternative livelihood for the fisherfolk will also be discussed. Marine waters around Sorsogon is experiencing a "high level of exploitation," according to the summit brief.

Bobby Q. Labalan, PDI Southern Luzon Bureau

Cell site burned

CAMP MELCHOR DELA CRUZ, Isabela—Suspected New People's Army rebels burned the facilities of a telecommunication firm's cellular phone site in Piat, Cagayan on Friday, police and military reports said. Cagayan police director Senior Supt. James Andres Melad said at least eight rebels burned the cell site's cabin and shot a microwave antenna in the Globe Telecom facility in Barangay Aguib at about 9 p.m. Maj. Victor Tanggawohn, spokesperson of the Army's 5th Infantry Division, said rebels were led by Jose Asco alias "Ka Bailon."

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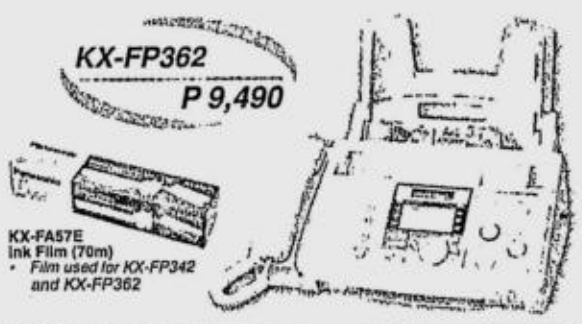

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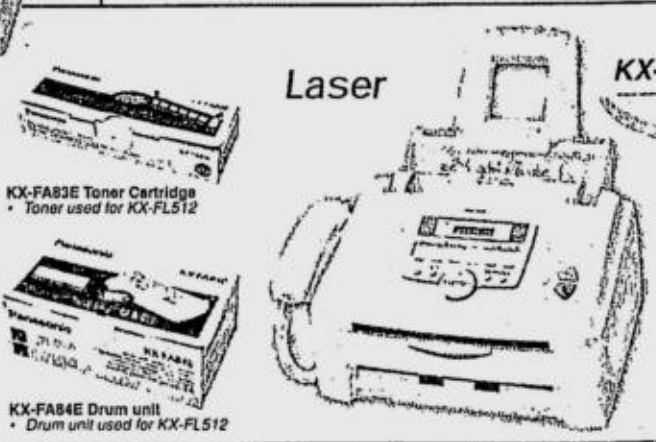

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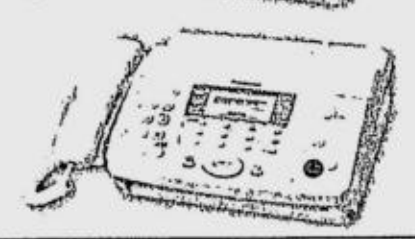

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US Embassy denies hand in RP crisis

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damaging to Ms Arroyo while working for Vice President Dick Cheney in the first uncovered case of spying in the White House.

"Well, of course we would be concerned about any story of this kind that has to do with the national security of the United States," Johnson said in the Cebu interview posted yesterday on the US Embassy website.

Internal US issue

"I think that this sort of thing is very unfortunate but it is a matter for the US legal system. It is an internal issue in the US and it is not something that will affect our foreign relations. We hope and expect that the relationship between the US and the Philippines will continue to thrive as it has in the past," he said.

"Our relationship is very strong and it has been so for a long time. We have a very close relationship, and President Arroyo was in the US recently and received a very warm welcome."

Johnson also brushed aside suspicions raised last week by Archbishop Ramon Arguelles of Lipa, Batangas, that an American hand was behind the country's political conflicts.

"The US and the Philippines enjoy very strong relations, and unfounded allegations of this kind are certainly inappropriate and absolutely not correct," Johnson said.

Johnson also pointed out that news reports in the Philippines had carried "distorted portions" of the stolen documents.

He did not cite any media organization. The INQUIRER ran a series of stories on 101 documents that were allegedly pilfered from secret files of the Federal Bureau of Investigation by Aragoncillo and former Philippine Senior Supt. Michael Ray Aquino. They then sent the papers by e-mail to opposition forces reportedly plotting to oust Ms Arroyo. The two were arrested last month.

The INQUIRER reports centered on the observations and analysis of the Philippine situation, mostly by Johnson's predecessor, Joseph Mussomeli, who is now US ambassador to Cambodia.

Shallow information

Opposition Sen. Panfilo Lacson, one of the recipients of the e-mails, has played down the value of the reports, dismissing them as "shallow information."

One leaked paper that was widely used by the Philippine media concerned a US Embassy political officer's characterization of Vice President Noli de Castro as an unfit successor to Ms Arroyo in the event of a successful coup d'etat. De Castro has reacted sharply to this particular report.

Asked to comment on the Mussomeli dossiers, Johnson replied, "these alleged reports are part of the case that has been brought against these two people and at this stage it would not be appropriate to comment on the distorted portions that have been reported in the Philippine press."

Johnson replaced Mussomeli two months ago. According to the embassy, Johnson was to leave Manila this week and was handing over the post to Deputy Chief of Mission Paul Jones.

Also yesterday, retired Navy Commodore Rex Robles said that by calling on the United States to break its silence on the espionage case, administration lawmakers were placing the Arroyo administration in deeper trouble.

Most laughable

"It's like getting a hammer to knock your head off. It's the most laughable thing I've heard," he said in a phone interview.

"They're encouraging the US to come up with a more destabilizing information against Gloria," he said. "All this information shows that the US has given up on Gloria a long time ago."

Representatives Antonio Cuenco, Marcelino Libanan and Monico Puentevella made the call over the weekend, saying that the indictment of Aquino and Aragoncillo should pave the way for the identification of "their masterminds."

The masterminds, they said, should be arrested since the espionage case was part of a coup plot against Ms Arroyo.

Robles, president of the security risk management consultancy RCR, said that the congressmen's call was a no-brainer because there's no Philippine law that penalizes a Filipino from buying information abroad.

Senate Minority Leader Aquilino Pimentel Jr., who had admitted receiving a couple of personal e-mails from Aquino, shrugged off the congressmen's call.

"I couldn't care a whit. That's much ado about nothing," he said. "Anyone who violated the law should be jailed. No one, including me, is above the law." *With a report from TJ Burgonio*

PNP cracks down on destabilizers

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Bataoil also said a police officer could arrest his recruiter.

"Personally, I think the act can be considered inciting to sedition, so an arrest can be immediately made," he said. The opinion of the PNP legal service on the issue was being awaited, he said.

If the recruiter is a soldier or policeman, he may be liable for grave misconduct, Bataoil said.

Asked if recruitment was taking place, Bataoil said the PNP needed to protect its ranks in the midst of the continuing attempts to oust Ms Arroyo. "It is but natural," he said.

Recruiters face arrest

On Saturday, the Philippine Army warned that persons attempting to recruit soldiers to join a move to destabilize the government would be arrested.

Maj. Bartolome Bacarro, Army spokesperson, said the Army would invite individuals for questioning or arrest them if there was evidence that recruitment or even bribery to commit acts of violence against troops was going on.

"When they violently resist questioning or arrest, calibrated response or proportionate force shall be applied," he said.

Lt. Gen. Hermogenes Esperon, the Army chief, yesterday said there had been persistent reports of efforts to recruit soldiers to break the chain of command.

"There are reports, and there are verification efforts," Esperon said on the phone. "I cannot tell you more about this because these are operational matters."

A soldier who is actively recruiting a fellow soldier faces immediate arrest and charges of inciting to mutiny or rebellion, a very serious offense in the military, said Esperon. Civilians are also subject to arrest.

Esperon said the destabilization efforts sometimes took the form of text messages, such as the one saying that 80 percent of soldiers were ready to break away from the government.

"These text messages are obviously meant to destabilize and even probably divide the Armed Forces," Esperon said. "They are largely turning out to be disinformation."

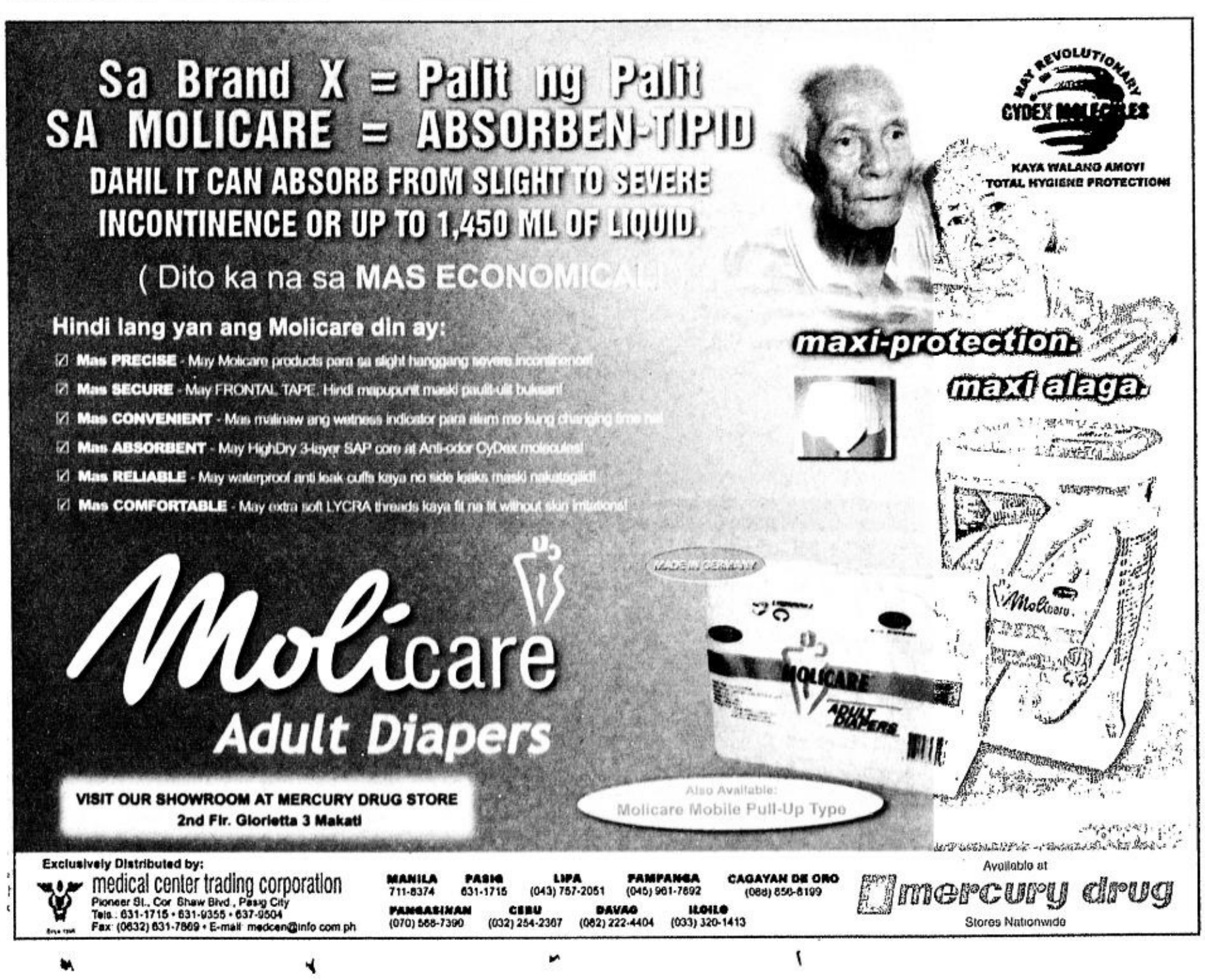
Ban on congressional hearings

The PNP guideline also said officers must strictly follow Malacañang's order banning government, military and police officials from appearing in congressional inquiries without the President's approval.

The troops also have been ordered to get a copy of Batas Pambansa No. 880, the law on public assembly, as the "legal basis for the implementation of the calibrated preemptive response," the PNP memo said.

Officers were told to be aware of BP 880 provisions on the filing of applications for rallies or protests five days before the scheduled mass action that mayors should act on within two days. The PNP memo did not say what riot police should do if mayors refuse to grant a permit to rally or to act on it.

The PNP also ordered patrols in areas where car thefts had repeatedly occurred, such as Quezon Avenue, Katipunan and Commonwealth Avenue in Quezon City, as well as in business and entertainment districts.



850 kids trapped in rubble

BALAKOT, PAKISTAN—WITH HANDS, picks and shovels, desperate parents struggled on Sunday to reach more than 850 children trapped in the rubble of two schools flattened by the weekend's massive earthquake in northern Pakistan.

The voices of trapped children and the anguished wails of their parents accompanied the frantic work in the Balakot valley in the mountains of Northwest Frontier Province, one of the areas worst hit by Saturday morning's devastating quake.

"Save me, call my mother, call my father," came the faint voice of a boy, again and again, from the rubble of a government school in which local people said about 200 children were trapped.

"Bring out my child, bring out my child," his mother wailed, beating her chest as other parents and relatives pulled out the bodies of four children, bringing the Sunday morning's toll to eight.

A day on, police and emergency services were nowhere in sight, but residents of the town of about 20,000 people estimated 2,500 people may have been killed there and in seven surrounding mountain villages.

Thousands were injured, mostly women and children who were in their homes at the time of the disaster while their men worked in the open.

Almost every second woman or child bore an injury.

At the private Shaheen School, another 650 children were trapped inside the four-story building that collapsed as the children sat in class at 8:50 a.m. (11:50 a.m., Manila time) on Saturday.

Parents scrambling through the rubble said they had brought out the bodies of six dead children and 19 injured. The bodies of four children could be seen on the school roof.

Cries of children

Parents said they could hear the cries of children, but were helpless until they managed to get makeshift rescue equipment; including iron bars they used to lever away rubble.

A teenage girl named Busra was pulled out covered in dust and with leg injuries on Sunday morning.

"We were sitting down when it happened. We tried to get up and run, but everything just caved in," she said. "I was lying buried up to my neck. There are many others in there."

Perhaps half of the concrete houses have collapsed and dozens of bodies lay in the open.

Woman gone mad

A Reuters reporter counted 105 bodies on the 8-km trek into town.

A small boy carried a younger sister of perhaps 4 or 5, her skin stripped off her face and the side of her body by a rock that flattened their house.

He did not know what to do.

Villager Haji Nawaz lost his wife, his mother and four children when his house collapsed.

"It hardly took a minute," he said. "The whole place shook and the boulders came down from the mountain. In less then a minute, I saw half the town destroyed," he said. "I have seen women going mad with shock.

Reuters

Relief arrives from all over

ISLAMABAD—RESCUE EXPERTS, MEDICAL teams, sniffer dogs and supplies were mobilized Sunday as a worldwide effort cranked into gear to bring aid to victims of the massive earthquake that struck South Asia.

World leaders, including Philippine President Macapagal-Arroyo, expressed shock and sadness.

US President George W. Bush said help was on the way to victims of what he called a "horrible tragedy," as other global giants, including China and Russia voiced their solidarity with the countries battling to cope with the crisis.

"The people of the United States offer our deepest sympathies for the loss of life and destruction caused by the earthquake that struck outside of Islamabad," Bush said in a statement issued late Saturday by the White House.

The Japanese foreign ministry said Tokyo had sent a 50-strong emergency relief team to the Islamic republic.

In Britain, which has a large South Asian community, the government said it was sending an initial allocation of $176,000 dollars to Pakistani authorities.

Search and rescue teams from four firefighting forces across Britain were also headed to the region and Defense Secretary John Reid said British troops in Afghanistan were "ready to assist if required."

British Foreign Secretary Jack Straw said the dispatch of up to 60 British staff was an initial offering.

Additional search and rescue teams were also being sent from France, Turkey—which itself is prone to violent earthquakes—Greece and Switzerland.

The Japanese team included police, disaster management and coast guard specialists whose skills have been honed dealing with the country's regular temblors.

They would be engaged in search and rescue operations as well as information gathering, the ministry said in a statement.

The European Union's executive arm said it had set aside $3.6 million of immediate emergency relief aid.

"We are all hoping that the news does not get steadily worse ... but we are fearful that the casualty figures may mount," said EU aid commissioner Louis Michel.

Paris was sending sniffer dogs and cutting gear.

Further help was offered from Australia, which said it had provided $380,000 for immediate medical and relief assistance, and from Abu Dhabi, which has sent a team of police officers. *Reuters, AFP*

Quake was like Judgment Day, says villager

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department that more than 30,000 people have died in Kashmir," he said.

Earlier, Pakistan's Interior Minister Aftab Khan Sherpao had said his country's death toll was 19,136 — 17,388 of them in Pakistani Kashmir — with 42,397 injured as rescuers struggled to dig victims from destroyed apartment buildings, schools and mud-brick homes in the wake of the 7.6-magnitude quake.

The quake also rattled parts of India—where 465 were killed —and Afghanistan, where four died.

"It is such a horrendous situation that one cannot imagine," Sherpao told a news conference in Islamabad. "Casualties are increasing by the hour."

"There are many villages that have been wiped off the face of this earth," said Maj. Gen. Shaukat Sultan, spokesperson for President Pervez Musharraf.

Pakistani rescuers dug out hundreds of dead children buried under their schools and found villages reduced to rubble.

More than 1,000 children are said to be trapped in worst-hit Kashmir in the disputed Himalayan region, a senior regional official told Pakistan's private GEO television.

CHILDREN SUFFER THE MOST. Kashmiris carry injured children for airlifting to medical centers after they survived the powerful earthquake. AP

Children crushed

Some 400 children—including 250 girls—were crushed at two schools in Pakistan's North West Frontier Province.

The quake was centered in the forested mountains of Pakistani Kashmir, near the Indian border, and violently jolted large parts of northern Pakistan, as well as parts of India and Afghanistan.

In India, Naseer Ahmed, father of three, was sitting on his lawn when the earthquake struck.

"The first jolt shook the ground and it appeared as if the entire mountain was slipping away ... The tremor was so strong that all the houses almost crumbled at the same time. It was just like doomsday."

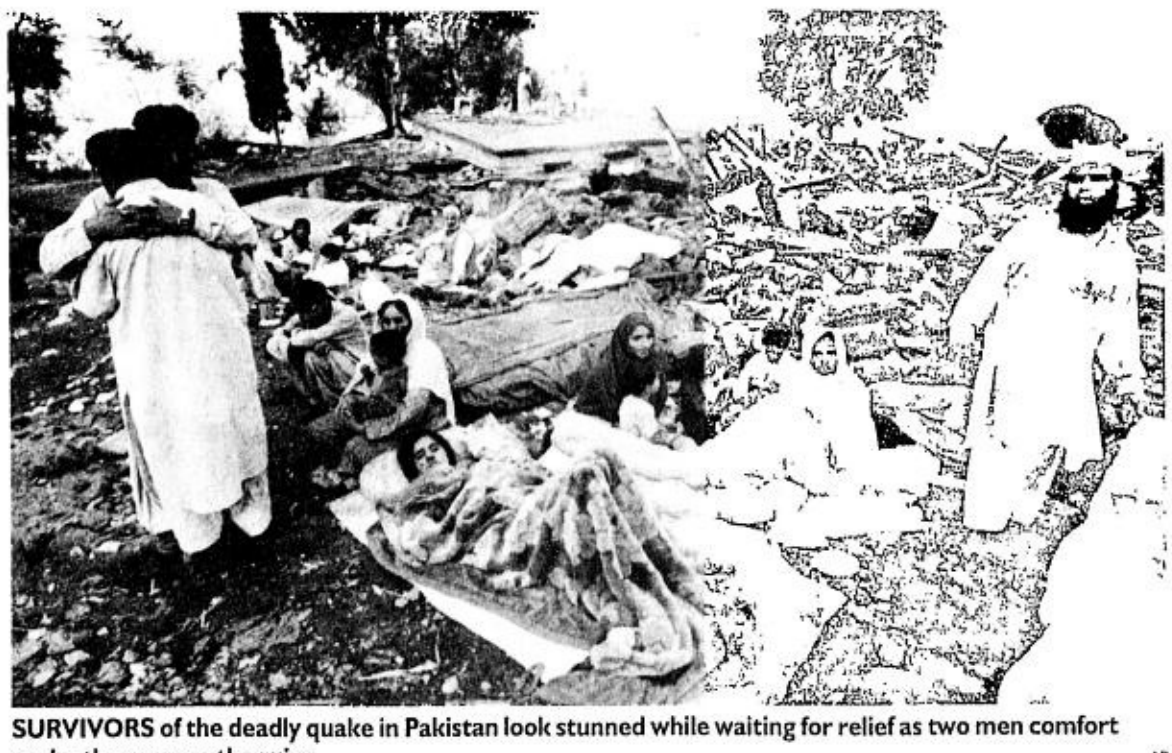
The United Nations sent emergency coordinators to Pakistan to prepare the global body's response to an earthquake that sparked landslides and razed entire villages.

National tragedy

"It is a national tragedy," said Sultan. "This is the worst earthquake in recent times."

The story was the same in village after village in scenic Balakot in northwest Pakistan—the earthquake destroyed all the schools.

The quake struck at 8:50 a.m. on Saturday, just after the children had performed the daily ritual of singing the national anthem and then settled down to lessons.



SURVIVORS of the deadly quake in Pakistan look stunned while waiting for relief as two men comfort each other among the ruins. AP

Some of the cheaply built concrete schools simply collapsed, while others were engulfed by massive landslides that swept down the mountains and into the river valleys below.

"There is no hope of survival for some 350 children who were trapped in the debris in three schools here," said Yameen Khan, police chief of Mansehra, one of the worst hit districts.

"One girls' and one boys' high school in Gari Habibullah town have been flattened. We also know that another school in Balakot was swallowed by the earth."

In every village around Balakot, gateway town to the Kaghan Valley tourist region, all the schools were destroyed or very seriously damaged.

Only one came home

"Out of 190 children we were able to pull out only 40 alive. The rest are trapped and probably dead," said Mohammed Iqbal, a soldier.

Sawal village official Abdul Rashid said: "Many children from our village went to Balakot and only one of them has come back."

Landslides blocked rescue operations.

The US Geological Survey said the tremor occurred at a depth of 10 km. It struck about 95 km northeast of Islamabad and was felt across the subcontinent.

The first quake was followed over the next 18 hours by more than 20 aftershocks with magnitudes of between 4.5 and 6.3.

Rescuers grappled with rain that turned dirt and debris into sticky muck while aftershocks rattled an area stretching from Afghanistan across northern Pakistan into India's portion of the disputed Himalayan region of Kashmir.

'City of death'

Muzaffarabad, the main city in Pakistani Kashmir, was a scene of utter devastation on Sunday, 24 hours after the earthquake struck.

"It looks like the city of death," said Reuters reporter Zulfiqar Ali.

Most houses and most government buildings and shops had collapsed in the small mountain city, he said.

India's government offered condolences and assistance to Pakistan, a longtime rival with which it has been pursuing peace after fighting three wars since independence from British rule in 1947, two of them over Kashmir.

India reported at least 340 people killed and 800 injured when the quake collapsed 2,700 houses and other buildings in Jammu-Kashmir state.

Telephone lines were down.

Afghanistan appeared to suffer the least damage. In its east, an 11-year-old girl was crushed to death when a wall in her home collapsed.

Every hour counts

The only serious damage reported in Pakistan's capital was the collapse of a 10-story apartment building, where at least 10 people were killed and 126 were injured.

Hospital doctors said the dead included an Egyptian diplomat, and the Japanese Foreign Ministry said two Japanese were killed.

"We know that every hour counts in an earthquake of this magnitude and the United Nations is ready to assist the country affected in any possible manner," the UN emergency relief coordinator Jan Egeland said.

Teams labored with cranes and earth-moving equipment or used their bare hands in hopes of finding survivors trapped beneath shattered masonry.

Strongest this century

Striking out from the forest clad mountains of Pakistani Kashmir, the quake was the strongest to hit South Asia in a century.

Many areas had not been reached because landslides triggered by the quake had wiped out roads, Sultan said.

Damage in Pakistani Kashmir's main city, Muzaffarabad, was believed to be severe.

"Indications are that almost 50 percent of the homes have been destroyed," Prime Minister Shaukat Aziz said, referring to Muzaffarabad and neighboring towns.

A military spokesperson said 215 Pakistani soldiers were killed in the hardest-hit areas.

In Srinagar, India, Army soldiers and local volunteers used bulldozers and bare hands to pull survivors from toppled houses and buildings.

The victims included at least 39 soldiers killed when their bunkers along the frontier between India and Pakistan collapsed.

Officials in India feared the country's toll would rise as downed telephone lines are restored and more reports come in from isolated villages.

Landslides blocked the 300-km road that connects Srinagar, the summer capital of Indian Kashmir, to the rest of India to the south. *Reports from AFP, Reuters, AP*

Shallow quakes tend to cause greater damage

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areas because of its shallow depth, Issei Ohara, a seismologist at the National Research Institute for Earth Science and Disaster Prevention, told the daily Mainichi.

Kashmir is well known to be a high-risk area for earthquakes as it lies on the collision area of the Eurasian and Indian tectonic plates, which created the Himalaya mountain range 50 million years ago.

Earthquakes with both shallow and deep focuses occur in the Kashmir region, Okada's colleague, Yoshimitsu Okada, was also quoted as saying.

5 quakes a day in RP

Sitting on an area where three tectonic plates converge, Japan endures 25 percent of the world's major earthquakes and has built its infrastructure accordingly, with Tokyo's high-rises designed to withstand powerful tremors.

Although five quakes hit the Philippines every day, few if any are felt, seismologists said. Only three major destructive tremors have been recorded in the country in more than 30 years—and only about 75 in the last 400 years.

But city planners of the Metropolitan Manila Development Authority take seriously the threat of a major earthquake.

Grim scenarios

A 7.2-magnitude quake with the epicenter within Metro Manila limits could kill up to 33,000 people and destroy 175,000 of its 1.3 million-plus buildings, according to the Metropolitan Manila Earthquake Impact Reduction Study completed last year.

"These are worst-case scenarios ... These may not necessarily happen," an MMDA official said.

The study team looked at possible earthquake "generators" from nearby active faults in the earth's crust, including the offshore Manila Trench and the Valley Fault system on the Marikina Valley.

Surveys found that the Valley Fault had moved at least four times for the past 1,400 years. Science cannot predict exactly when the Valley Fault would move again, experts said.

Based on the materials, designs, ages and geological foundations of Metro Manila's structures, the Japanese-funded study concluded that a major quake would have a devastating impact on low-rise residential buildings, officials said.

Moro gulf tsunami

In August 1976, a tsunami from the Moro Gulf slammed into the southwest coast of Mindanao minutes after a 7.9-magnitude quake. Reports of the number of people killed in that tsunami ranged from about 4,000 to 8,000 people.

A 7.8-magnitude quake in July 1990 in Luzon killed more than 1,200 people in Baguio City and nearby areas. *AFP*

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Lost calories make for a good cause

CALORIES for a Cause participants prepare to shed off weight at the Market! Market! Activity Center.

By Kate Pedroso

ONE'S LOSS IS ANOTHER'S GAIN.

Clad in red T-shirts printed with "You Lose, Charities Gain," members of cause-oriented groups, families and individuals alike lined up to sweat it out on the matted floor of the Market! Market! activity center in Taguig to donate their calories to charity through "Calories for a Cause" last Sept. 25

A total of 518,666 calories were shed during the 8 hourlong workout sessions scheduled throughout the day. Close to 2,000 participants chose from among 6 exercise routines designed by Fitness First—Body Jam, Body Combat, Step Starter, HiLo Starter, Body Balance and Cardio Funk.

"Calories for a Cause" was spearheaded by Coca Cola Foundation Inc., which converted every calorie burned to peso and donated them to charitable institutions.

Beneficiaries included the Department of Education, the Philippine National Red Cross, Operation Smile, the Department of Health, Nutrition Foundation of the Philippines, Food and Nutrition Research Institute, Give a Life Charity Foundation and Gabriel Symphony.

The day started at 11 a.m. with Coca Cola employees breaking first sweat to the Body Jam routine for the Department of Education, shedding a total of 38,224 calories at the end of the hour.

Calories burned were calculated from data submitted upon registration. These included the participant's weight, height, age, as well as the intensity and duration of the workout, which were then tabulated and totaled.

Proceeds will go to the DepEd's National University medical and dental checkup for grades 1-3 program. Undersecretary for Programs and Projects and erstwhile DepEd officer-in-charge Fe Hidalgo was there to extend her gratitude to the participants and organizers.

Later, it was Body Combat hour—this time, for the Philippine National Red Cross, with members of the Philippine Air Force (PAF) dominating the floor. Punches and kicks throughout the exercise routine in turn yielded a total of 44,070 calories at the end of the hour.

"We found [Calories for a Cause] to be very laudable so we said we would like to have the Red Cross benefit from the activity," said Col. Restituto Padilla, PAF spokesperson, himself in red shirt and shorts. He estimated the Air Force to have fielded at least a hundred men to participate in the activity.

"In our own way we could add to what we are already giving to the Red Cross... last July we gave them almost 14,000 [liters of blood]. This time we'd like to give them a cash equivalent of whatever we lose here in this activity. It's fun, at the same time it's good for the charity we chose," Padilla said.

Meanwhile, Gwendolyn Pang, director of the Philippine National Red Cross Fund Generation Department, could only be too grateful.

Win-win activity

"We are very happy," she said. "It's a win-win activity. People come and lose calories, keeping themselves physically fit, while at the same time giving back to charity more. The more they lose calories, the more they give to the charities. People lose weight, charities gain. We want this to be a continuous activity."

Proceeds will fund disaster relief programs of Red Cross.

Aside from the Air Force, the Boy Scouts of the Philippines also came in bulk to support the activity, with scout masters heading lines of young scouts from schools all over the metro.

"We received an invitation from the Makati Boy Scout Council," Marbel Allera, scout master from Benigno National High School in Makati, said. "They sent the invitation to other schools as well, asking for support."

The 42-year-old scout master and his 32 boy scouts were just a few of the hundreds of scouts who came with their trademark scarves to donate their efforts and calories to Operation Smile, DOH and NFP.

His senior crew leader, 15-year-old Ralph Tolledo, affirmed this. "We weren't forced to be here. We all volunteered so we could help out in the project as well," he said.

With additional salary donations from Coca Cola employees, the Coca Cola Foundation Inc. was able to donate a total of P1.2 million to the eight beneficiaries, or P150,000 to each organization, adding to the actual number of calories lost in an exercise hour.

4 die ...

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NBP guards told media that none of their immediate superiors were at the prison compound yesterday, since it was a Sunday.

No one could provide information on how the escape happened and why the inmates staged the jailbreak.

But the prison insider said the incident might have been rooted in the poor treatment of inmates at the maximum security building, where about 60 prisoners had aired complaints.

Last month, Building 14 inmates, mostly drug convicts, wrote the Commission on Human Rights to complain of "inhumane treatment," specifically the barring of conjugal visits. NBP officials have denied the claim.

THE DAILY GOSPEL

Monday, October 10, 2005
28th Week in Ordinary Time

1st Reading: Rom 1:1-7
Gospel: Luke 11:29-32

As the crowd increased, Jesus began to speak in this way, "People of the present time are evil people. They ask for a sign, but no sign will be given to them except the sign of Jonah. As Jonah became a sign for the people of Nineveh, so will the Son of Man be a sign for this generation. The Queen of the South will rise up on Judgment Day with the people of these times and accuse them, for she came from the ends of the earth to hear the wisdom of Solomon; and here there is greater than Solomon. The people of Nineveh will rise up on Judgment Day with the people of these times and accuse them, for Jonah's preaching made them turn from their sins, and here there is greater then Jonah."

Commentary

Jesus is blunt: people of this time are evil people asking for a sign and nothing will be given them. Jonah in the whale was a sign and now the Son of Man will be a sign—calling first for repentance and then buried and spewn forth into life again—from a whale and from a tomb. The call is once again for repentance, conversion of heart and life. Nineveh was 'sin city' and repented. Others from outside the covenant recognized the wisdom of Solomon (and so Yahweh, Israel's God) and now there is someone far greater than Jonah and no repentance, only questions, rationalizations and rejection. We have known the Son of Man, crucified and risen from the dead, sitting at God's right hand and do we repent of our selfish, greedy and violent ways—or will many cities and lands rise up to judge and condemn us in this age?

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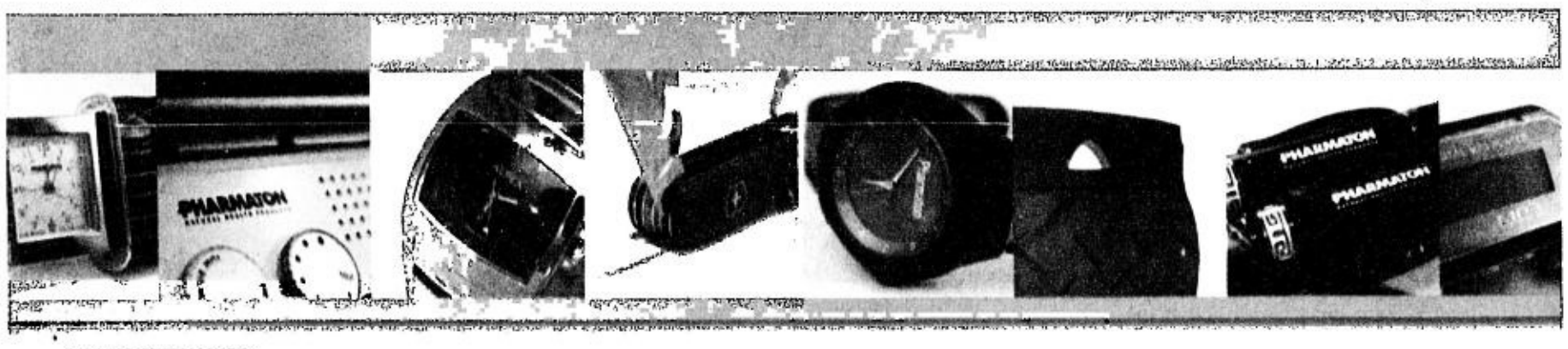

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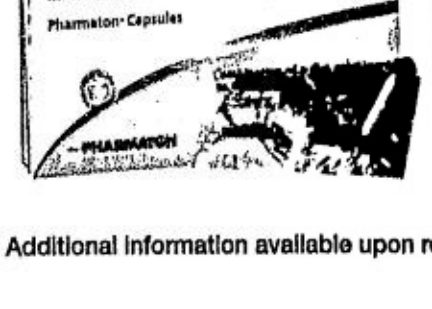

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2 cops in mauling of rally participants face probe

By Margaux C. Ortiz

THE MAULING OF DEMONSTRATORS by two policemen changes nothing.

"We have already identified the two policemen who were seen in the video footage hurting the protesters," Manila Police District (MPD) director Chief Supt. Pedro Bulaong said in a statement.

But Bulaong also added that the incidents would not change the police's no permit-no rally policy.

Television news footage have shown two policemen punching two defenseless men in separate incidents during the dispersal of an anti-Arroyo demonstration in Manila last Wednesday.

Already subdued

One of the demonstrators was already subdued while sitting inside a police van when one of the policemen hit him in the face.

In the other incident, a policeman in red and black camouflage uniform was caught on video punching away at a rally participant who was already being held by another man.

Bulaong did not identify the policemen or their units but said they already submitted their report to the National Capital Regional Office.

"Everybody should be accorded due process, whether civilian or policemen," the police official said.

Despite the incidents, Bulaong maintained that they would still not allow rallies without permits.

"We are just enforcing the law," Bulaong stressed, adding that rallies without the necessary permits disrupt public order.

"There are actually more complaints about the inconveniences the rallies cause than the actual protesters themselves," Bulaong said.

The MPD chief said that the Sunken Garden near Liwasang Bonifacio had been declared as a freedom park by city Ordinance 3361 enacted in 1949.

A total of 26 militants from different groups were arrested in violent face-offs between protesters and the police from Tuesday to Thursday last week.

Swollen creeks carry away child, teener

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

PLAYING IN THE RAIN CAN BE A deadly thing.

Children and teenagers in Antipolo City ran outside to play under a downpour Saturday afternoon but playtime ended in the death of Jonabel Mendoza, 5, and John Carl Raya, 17.

Mendoza slipped into a deep canal in front of their house in Barangay Dela Paz at about 1:30 p.m. while trying to retrieve her slipper that had fallen in.

Caught in manhole

She was recovered minutes later after she was caught in a manhole—but she was already dead, Rizal Provincial Police director Senior Supt. Freddie Panen said.

At about the same time, in nearby Purok Imelda, Raya was playing with a friend at the back of their house, which was facing a creek.

The two later jumped into the creek. His friend managed to hold onto a log but Raya was carried off by turbulent water, PO1 Voltaire Abella said.

Raya is still missing as of press time, Abella said.

Local officials have warned parents not to let their children play in the rain or in flood.

Aside from the danger of falling into open drains or canals, they could also catch diseases.

Makati bakery robbed

By Tarra V. Quismundo

ROBBERS PREYED on a bakeshop along Jupiter Street, Makati City, yesterday.

The robbers struck at Red Ribbon Bakeshop in Bel-Air a little past noon yesterday, the Makati Police Department (MPD) Criminal Investigation Division said.

PO3 Ricky Mel Corpuz of the MPD Robbery Section said the robbers declared a holdup at 12:15 p.m., when the recently renovated restaurant had only three customers inside.

The duty manager said in an interview that two of the robbers posed as customers and had lunch inside the restaurant before the incident. Roughly eight more crew members were inside, she said.

"They looked like customers. They were wearing typical clothes, and did not conceal their faces," she said, relating information the, crew had told her.

Before long, six others entered the bakeshop, disarmed the security guard before declaring the robbery.

Corpuz said the robbers took valuables and cash from customers and the restaurant's cash register. The restaurant declared initial losses of P13,000.

Children see color behind bars

By Edson C. Tandoc Jr.

FOR THESE CHILDREN, life can still be colorful even behind prison bars.

Starting today, minor offenders at the Marikina City Jail will display their artwork in a weeklong exhibit at the Marikina City Hall as part of the National Children's Month.

Using bond paper and crayons, the minor offenders have been trying to regain their childhood through drawings.

Program coordinator Nadeia Sarte said they had also received invitation to display the artwork in a university in Manila next month and in a government agency in Quezon City next year.

The INQUIRER ran a story about the project when Sarte and freelance artist Dennis Miguel, who had been conducting free art workshops for minors at the jail, organized their first exhibit in June.

The more than 50 artwork of the minor offenders, displayed at the City Jail, spoke of different emotions.

A boy drew the face of an ugly woman, labeling it as his mother who had stopped visiting him. Another drew the face of a man, with a gunshot wound in the head, blood all over his face. Another drew the face of Jesus Christ.

Sarte said their second exhibit, which would start today, would be composed of almost 300 works, including those drawn by street children now also under the program.

The exhibit is titled "Art from the Heart of Marikina."

Part of the celebration is the opening of a new detention cell built exclusively for minor offenders.

There are now 37 minor offenders at the City Jail, who are housed in a separate cell, still adjacent to those of adult suspects.

"Jail is no place for children. They are being exposed to the ways of adult suspects," Sarte said.

Her group managed to get donations from private companies for the construction of a detention cell on the sixth floor of the new City Justice Hall.

The City Jail is located on the fifth floor.

INQUIRER President Sandy Prieto will be the guest speaker during the blessing of the new detention cell on Oct. 24.

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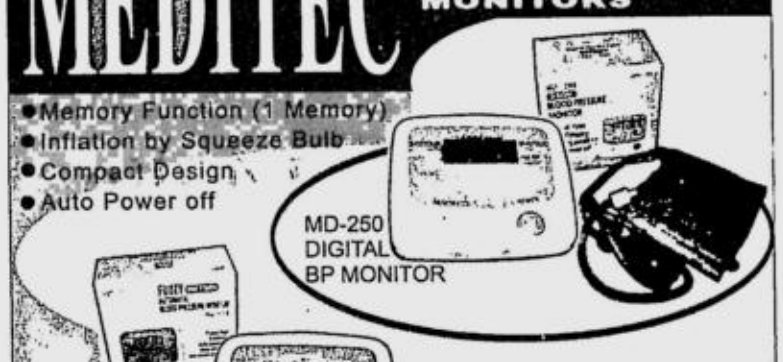
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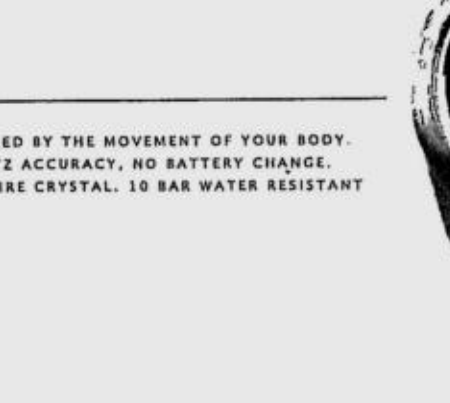
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4 die in Muntinlupa jailbreak

GUARDS secure the gates of the New Bilibid Prison after a breakout yesterday. ERIK ARAZAS

By Tarra V. Quismundo

A JAILBREAK BROKE THE usually quiet Sunday morning at the New Bilibid Prison (NBP) in Muntinlupa City yesterday which ended in the death of four escaped inmates.

NBP and Bureau of Corrections (BuCor) officials refused to talk about the breakout but a prison insider told the INQUIRER that he saw the bodies of the four escapees.

Sketchy information gathered by the INQUIRER source said the jailbreak happened at about 6 a.m. at Building 14 of the NBP maximum security compound.

Meanwhile, a BuCor security officer said, "We really do not know what happened. We just received a text message from our [colleagues] that there was a jailbreak, and that we were needed to help in the chase."

The security officer, who wielded an assault rifle, said the chase entailed a sweep through a dark and grassy portion of the prison compound, and the adjacent Everest Memorial Park.

He said Muntinlupa police Special Weapons and Tactics (SWAT) members joined the pursuit operations which lasted for hours.

Southern Police District chief Director Wilfredo Garcia, who sent an investigator to speak with the media shy BuCor officials, identified the escapees as Edgar Macarse, Rolando Paraiso, Julio Deloritos, and Job Damaso.

They were believed to be members of the "Happy Go Lucky Gang" in the prison.

The INQUIRER source said he went to Building 14 at about 11 a.m. and had no clue that a jailbreak had taken place.

"The situation seemed normal," he said. He only knew of the incident from inmates.

Later, he said that he saw the bodies of three escapees at the NBP Hospital morgue. They were believed to be Macarse, Paraiso and Deloritos.

Afterwards, he saw the body of Damaso, who was reportedly a former police officer.

Damaso was reportedly killed when he tried to fight off apprehending officers.

A jail guard identified only as "Guevara" was critically injured and was brought to an undisclosed hospital.

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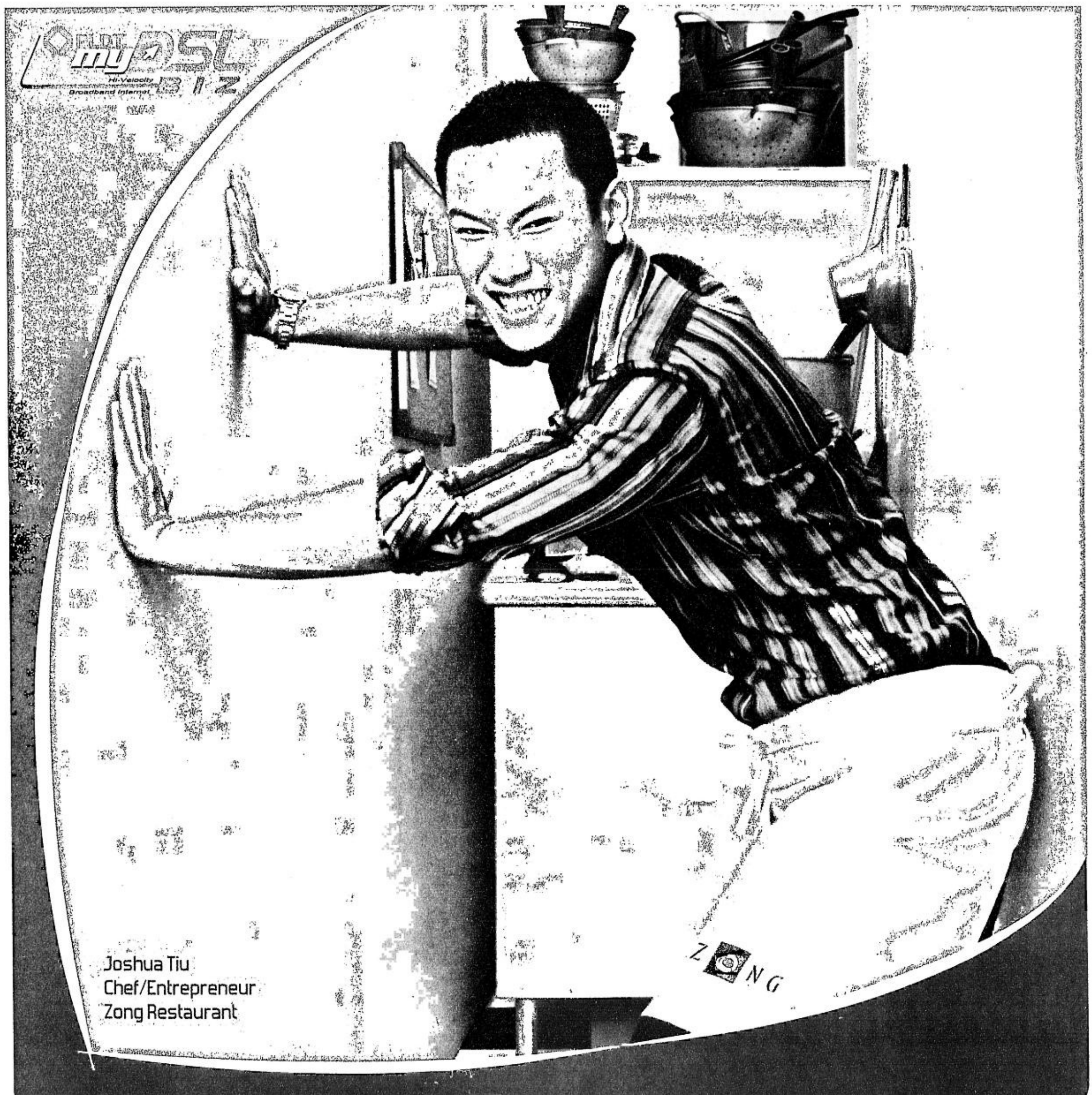

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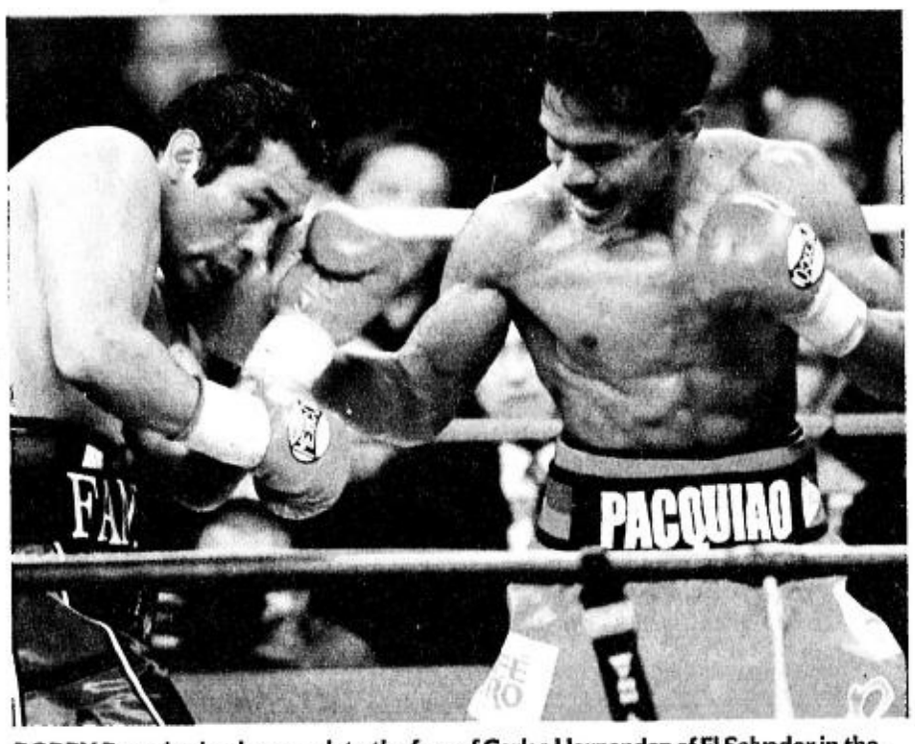

BOBBY Pacquiao lands a punch to the face of Carlos Hernandez of El Salvador in the third round of their super featherweight bout in Las Vegas, Nevada, on Saturday. REUTERS

Pacquiao brod stuns ex-world champion

BOBBY PACQUIAO FINALLY STEPPED OUT OF HIS popular brother's shadow yesterday, hacking out a split decision victory over ex-IBF super featherweight champion Carlos "Famoso" Hernandez in their 10-round bout at the Thomas and Mack Center in Las Vegas.

A southpaw like his brother Manny, the younger Pacquiao started well in the opening round then followed it up with a big second round where he knocked down Hernandez with a left straight.

The knockdown may have spelled the difference for the Filipino, who faded in the late rounds from a heavy body barrage by the veteran fighter from El Salvador.

Judges Duane Ford and Chuck Giampa scored it 95-93 and 95-94, respectively, for

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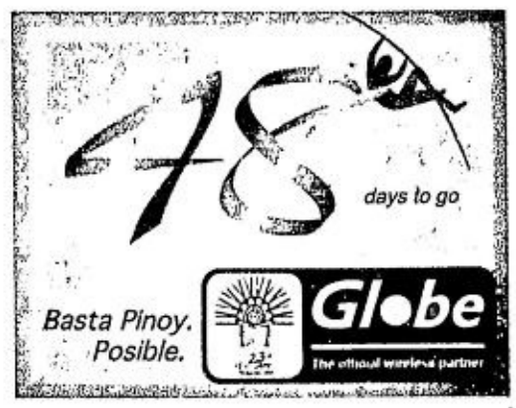

Jenny stays in touch with leaders

AUBURN, CALIFORNIA — Jennifer Rosales fired a solid 4-under-par 67 Saturday and kept her place among the frontrunners after three rounds of the Longs Drugs Challenge.

The 27-year-old Filipino had a 54-hole total of 204, in a tie with Sherri Steinhauer and Sherri Turner for fourth, 5 strokes behind Chile's Nicole Perrot, who moved into position for her first LPGA Tour victory by shooting a 7-under 64.

Rosales opened with rounds of 71 and 66.

With a 14-under 199 total on The Ridge Golf Course, the 21-year-old Perrot, the 2001 US Girls champion, had a 3-stroke lead over Sweden's Liselotte Neumann (64) and South Korea's Han Hee-won (66).

Hall of Famers Juli Inkster (67) and Beth Daniel (70) were in a group at 8 under, and Annika Sorenstam was 9 strokes back at 5 under after a 71.

Sorenstam, the 1997 champion at Twelve Bridges Golf Club, is making her first appearance in the tournament since 2001. AP

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Cabagnot sparks SLR; Red Bull nips Alaska

By June Navarro

ALEX CABAGNOT scored 13 of Sta. Lucia's last 16 points to lead the Realtors to a 92-88 victory over crowd-favorite Barangay Ginebra last night in the San Mig Coffee-PBA Fiesta Conference at the Araneta Coliseum.

The league's No. 2 pick overall scored a rare four-point play by burying a triple simultaneous to a technical foul slapped on the Kings' Mark Caguioa that gave Sta. Lucia an 84-81 lead. Cabagnot wound up with 16 points.

Earlier, Quemont Greer propelled the Red Bull Barako to a 76-75 victory over the Alaska Aces.

The De Paul University alum banged in 40 points, capping his heroics with a tomahawk dunk and a game-clinching free throw as the Barako bounced back from an opening-day loss to Purefoods.

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"There's no doubt that this early, he's (Greer) arguably the best import in the conference," said Red Bull Barako coach Yeng Guiao.

Greer shook off Don Allado, drove through an open alley from the top of the key and rose for a one-handed slam that threw the sellout crowd into a frenzy, 75-72, time down to 26 seconds.

The scores:

First Game

RED BULL 76—Greer 40, Villanueva 12, Bagulo 6, Bugia 4, Cruz 4, Tugade 4, Valenzuela 4, Robinson 2, Najorda 0, Fonacier 0.

ALASKA 75—McClary 23, Cortez 14, Carlaso 11, Dela Cruz 10, Allado 9, Cabla 6, Alvarez 1, Thoss 1.

Quarters: 20-17, 39-37, 62-58, 76-75

Second Game

STA. LUCIA 92—Mendoza 25, Whitehead 23, Cabagnot 16, Calimag 8, Aquino 8, Catli 7, Gonzales 3, Omolon 2, Cuan 0, Agapito 0, Tolomia 0, Espino 0.

GINEBRA 88—Lampley 25, Helterbrand 12, Adducul 10, Santos 9, Caguioa 8, Seigle 8, Ferreria 6, Salvacion 6, Holper 2, Sotto 2.

Quarters: 15-22, 37-42, 64-58, 92-88

AUGUST DELA CRUZ

ALASKA'S Artemus McClary loses possession while trying to drive off Red Bull's Quemont Greer.

Rematch looms for Bobby Pacquiao

BARE EYE

Recah Trinidad

THE FIGHT COULD have gone either way.

This was admitted by Rex Wakee Salud, maker of world champions, who was at ringside when Bobby Pacquiao scored a split decision win over Carlos "Famoso" Hernandez in Las Vegas yesterday.

Salud manages Bobby in a teamup with Manny Pacquiao, fabulous elder brother of the winner.

Manny, for his part, contended his brother deserved the hard-earned victory.

It was a close, rugged fight. But what obviously won it for Bobby was a flashing left straight, visibly borrowed from his elder brother, which knocked down Hernandez close to the end of the second round.

Bobby Pacquiao may have won several other rounds in the eyes of at least two judges.

But these were not very clear rounds.

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They usually call this unclear win a disputed decision.

In order to resolve it, Salud said a rematch would most probably be worked out. If not, Bobby Pacquiao would next be pitted against Zahir Raheem, surprise conqueror of the great Erik Morales last Sept. 11.

Salud, who said they are scheduled to fly home Oct. 12, said Bobby would fight again in December.

Now, fight critics cannot be blamed for refusing to swoon over the slim points win scored by Manny Pacquiao's younger brod.

It was, indeed, an upset victory.

But it can't be considered a sequel to the glorious triple victory scored by the Magnificent Trio of Manny Pacquiao, Brian Viloria and Boom Boom Bautista at the Staples Center in Los Angeles last month.

There will be no ticker-tape parade, no audience with the President.

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Of course, Bobby Pacquiao had to surpass himself yesterday to survive Famoso's murderous body blows.

The victory, to repeat, was not of the sensational variety.

But in surviving the test, Pacquiao, at least, also succeeded in upholding the glowing reputation recently earned by Filipino boxers with the 3-for-3 knockout masterpiece performed by Pacman & Co. in California on Sept. 11.

For the record, Bobby Pacquiao, despite reporting for the test straight from a big knockout win over Carlos Navarro last June, was again pegged an awful underdog yesterday.

Those who had followed the careers of both Famoso and the young Pacquiao claimed Bobby was not unlike a backyard leaguer suddenly let loose in the pros.

The fight had the clear makings of a mismatch.

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In fact, there was a silent clamor that if Bobby Pacquiao, faced with formidable odds, would lose, may he at least finish on his feet and lose with dignity.

Anyway, the lightning left that sent his foe down also sent the message that Bobby Pacquiao had not ventured on an impossible mission.

He did get bullied and pummeled, with bombs around the tummy no less.

But also gone was the old, notorious marshmallow nature of his stomach.

The transformation, no doubt, was total.

And grateful fingers are, again, pointing to trainer Freddie Roach as the mastermind.

With Roach holding the rein, as he had done with Manny Pacquiao, Viloria and Bautista, Bobby can only be expected to be doubly sharp and durable the next time around.

If a rematch with Famoso Hernandez materializes, the odds could be expected to even up.

Not only would the younger of the fighting Pacquiao brothers be doubly prepared.

He has proven he could hold his own against the world's best.

Of course, Pinoy fight fans will be called on to pray for Bobby Pacquiao again.

But they no longer have to do it on bended knees.

Tuazon, Cruz share Sletba tilt limelight

VLAD TUAZON OF TBAM-PRIMA ROLLED a 14-game series of 3400 last Saturday to rule the Open division of the 9th MegaEast-Sletba Open Championships and claim the P50,000 champion's purse at the Sta. Lucia East Bowling Center. Joonee Gatchalian of PTBA-Brunswick settled for runner-up honors with 3328, followed in third by Sletba's Mark Marquez with 3310. Rollie Cruz, also of TBAM-Prima, posted a 12-game series of 2689 to beat Sletba's Alex Yabut (2584) and Ver Nido (2506) for the Associate division title. Sletba made 1-2-3 in the Novice division with Gene Punzalan topping the field with a 10-game score of 2077, followed by Derrick Tan (2051) and Ador Ordonez (2047).

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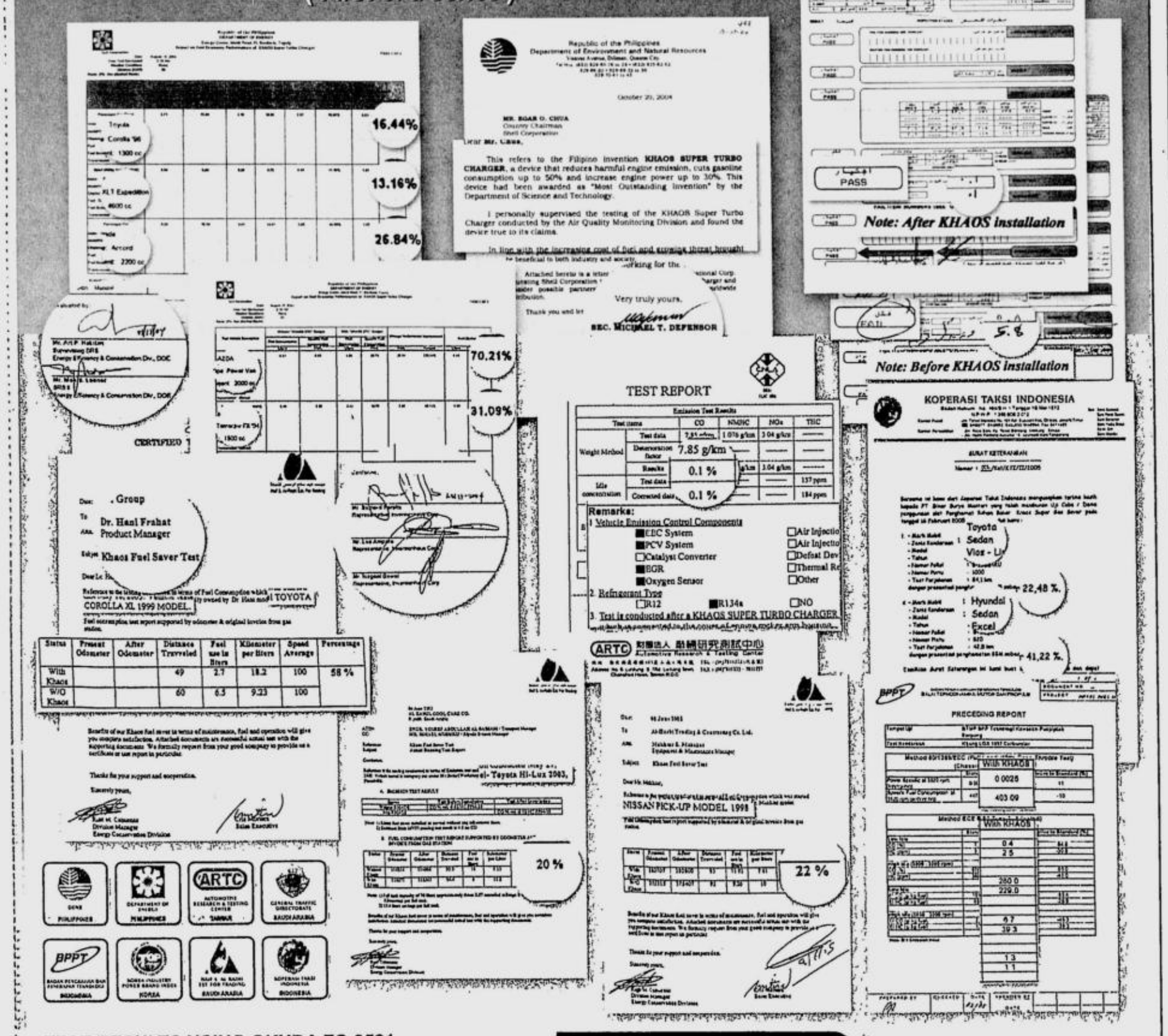

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Thais too much for RP spikers

By Marc Anthony Reyes

THAILAND, USING ONLY REMNANTS OF ITS Southeast Asian Games champion team, still displayed enough sharpness in overpowering the Philippines, 25-15, 25-18, 25-12, last night, to sweep the Shakey's Invitational volleyball championship at the Rizal Coliseum.

The only Southeast Asian qualifier to the elite World Grand Prix tournament, Thailand asserted its superiority over the Filipinos, who waged a gallant fight before their rabid supporters.

Thinkaow Pleumjit, one of four players from the 2003 SEAG team who will be seeing action again here next month, scattered 20 points and shattered the RP defense and the locals' composure with 14 sledgehammer spikes.

The RP belles, especially Michelle Carolino, Roxanne Pimentel and Cherry Rose Macatangay, gave it their all, but the faster Thais simply deflected many of their scoring attempts.

Macatangay later sprained her left ring finger after a futile bid to stop the match-ending spike of Sanorseang Arrerat.

"We failed to achieve our goal, but at least we found out what we are lacking," said RP coach Ramil de Jesus. "I think there is still time to correct our weakness."

The Philippines finished with a 1-2 record to wind up third, behind Indonesia which had a 2-1 slate. Myanmar was winless in three games.

Pleumjit, Nolkputta Norak, Khan An Narumon and Tomkon Nootsara humbled RP's floor defense with excellent placements, challenged their receivers with powerful jump serves, and fended off their attacks almost at will.

The only time the Filipinos found themselves ahead was at 14-12 lead in the second set.

Pleumjit was later named MVP of the series while Norak claimed the best attacker plum. RP skipper Pimentel was adjudged the best blocker, while RP libero Shermain Miles Penano bagged the best receiver award. Thais Wauna Burknew and Nootsara were best digger and setter, respectively, and Indonesia's Nurjanah Siti was best scorer.

Que, Rosales end up 5th

KUALA LUMPUR—ANGELO QUE AND GERard Rosales of the Philippines could only produce another two-under-par 70 in the foursomes Sunday to finish fifth at the end of the World Cup qualifier at the Kota Permai Golf and Country Club.

Singapore and Chinese Taipei earned the two slots to the Algarve World Cup in Portugal on Nov. 17-20 by tying for first with 19-under 269 totals.

Singapore's Mardan Mamat and Lam Chih Bing, the leader in the first three rounds, combined for a 71 while Wang Ter-chang and Chang Tse-peng closed with an impressive 68.

Thailand's Thaworn Wiratchant and Prayad Marksaeng, the week's favorites, shot a 67 but finished a shot behind at 270, while Malaysians Danny Chia and Iain Steel wound up fourth at 272 after a 73. The Filipinos, who had earlier rounds of 66-70-67, had a 273 total.

RP Compak shotgun shoot set

HILLTOP TAYTAY, RIZAL—SPORTING CLAYS Association of the Philippines (SCAP) will hold its 1st Philippine National Compak Sporting Championshipss on Oct. 14, 15 and 16 at the Team GomaSport shooting range here.

According to SCAP president Richard Gomez, clay shooting is the fastest growing shooting sport in the world today. "It is now getting to be very popular in the country," he says.

The three-day event is expected to be the biggest gathering of local shotgun shooters here.

Each competitor will be shooting 150 clays.

Expected to vie in the tournament supported by Rustan's Essences, Rudy Project, Swatch, iPod, Caterpillar, Chikka.com and Bench are shooters from Pampanga, Bulacan, Cebu and Manila, including Olympic, Asian and Southeast Asian Games veterans, who have been practicing regularly at the Team GomaSport range, which is only 12 km away from Edsa and Ortigas Avenue.

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Pacquiao brod stuns ex-IBF champion

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Pacquiao. The third judge, Robert Hoyle, gave it to Hernandez by a mile 97-92, awarding the first two rounds to Pacquiao and the last eight to Hernandez.

"Masayang-masaya ako sa panalo ni Bobby, at salamat po sa lahat ng sumusuporta sa kapatid ko (I'm very happy for Bobby and I thank all those who supported him)," said an ecstatic Manny Pacquiao in a long-distance interview with the INQUIRER after the verdict was announced.

Manny was at ringside along with noted Cebuano promoter Rex "Wakee" Salud to root for his brother, who was also honed by his American trainer Freddie Roach.

Bobby picked up $90,000 as he raised his record to 26 wins against 11 losses and three draws. He came into the fight after winning the WBC Continental Americas title by beating Carlos Navarro last June.

The win also assures Bobby of barging into the top 10 of the WBC and WBO rankings, where Hernandez, now 41-6-1, is currently rated.

Hernandez won the IBF super featherweight title in 2003 but lost it to Eric Morales in a unification bout a year later

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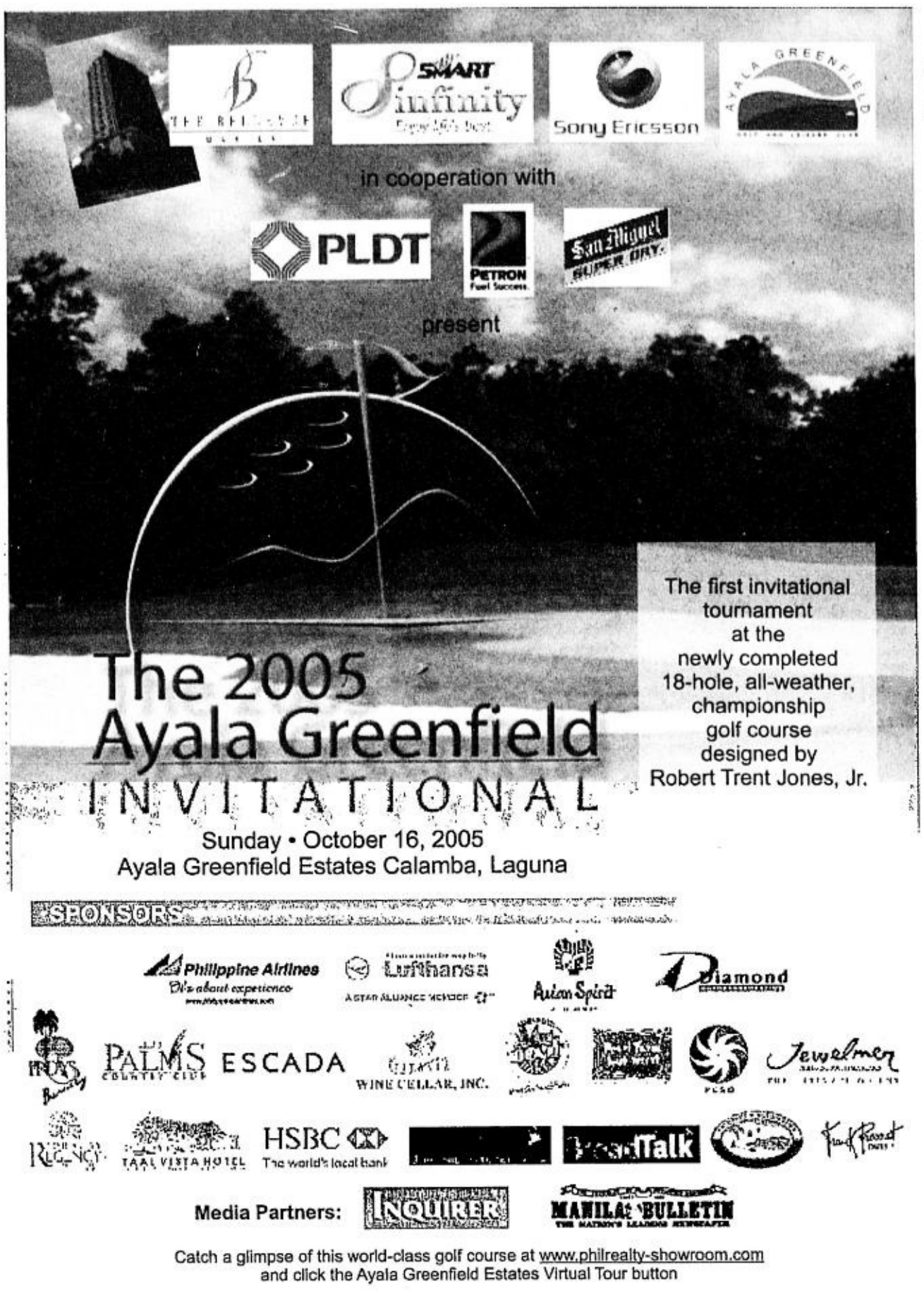

Manila Magic scores Tumbok Cup shocker

By Edwin Villanueva, *Contributor*

MANILA MAGIC CHARGED HARD ALONG THE rail to nip top choice Ocean Cookie and win the Philracom-Tumbok Cup yesterday at the Santa Ana Park.

Driven vigorously by Randy Lagrata, the second-favored colt owned by Ana Fatima Mendoza and trained by her father Rudy fought Ocean Cookie tooth-and-nail from midstretch before escaping with a half-length victory.

Lagrata outshone nine other apprentice riders in the 1,500-meter race staged by the Philracom in cooperation with the INQUIRER's sister publication for the benefit of Hands-On Manila.

A 3-year-old son of Treasure Cay out of Misty Rose, Manila Magic was perfectly placed from the start as Lagrata wheeled him just within range of the John Alvin Guce-handled Ocean Cookie and Time Will Reveal under Brian Yamzon.

Manila Magic, who clocked 1 minute 35 seconds flat, netted for the Mendozas P240,000 after taking only his third win in 22 starts. Ocean Cookie got P90,000, while third placer Step on the Gas (Kenneth Bergancia) received P50,000.

Silver Cho Cho arrived fourth for P20,000 then came Nitty Gritty, Time Will Reveal, Red Storm, Powerhouse, Calvin's Magic and Audrey's Temper.

Basilan bet in Milo netfest

CAGAYAN DE ORO—Al-Khadi Jainul of Basilan blasted Spencer Sagrado, 6-0, 6-0, last Saturday in the 10-under play to stay on course for the grand prize—a stint in the Malaysian circuit—in the Milo Junior Tennis Cup tourney at the Nazareth Tennis Club here. Jainul towed along Edilbert Alcantara, a 6-1, 6-1 winner over Camy Uy. In the boys' 12-under, Francis Derrick Alcantara and Fritz Verdad ousted Rajrey Batao, 6-1, 6-1, and Bryan Saarenas, 6-2, 6-2, respectively, to likewise advance in the netfest supported by Adidas.

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FAR EASTERN UNIVERSITY WAS FOUNDED in 1928 by the late educator Dr. Nicanor Reyes, who was guided by the belief that college education should be affordable to all. A man of vision, zeal and extensive knowledge, Dr. Reyes envisioned a college education that should be made available not only to the rich but also to the poor student, who worked for wages in the daytime and went to school at night.

During that time, the most honored and chosen professions were medicine and law, but these courses were limited to the upper class and to those people awash with cash. Accounting, as a profession, was virtually unheard of.

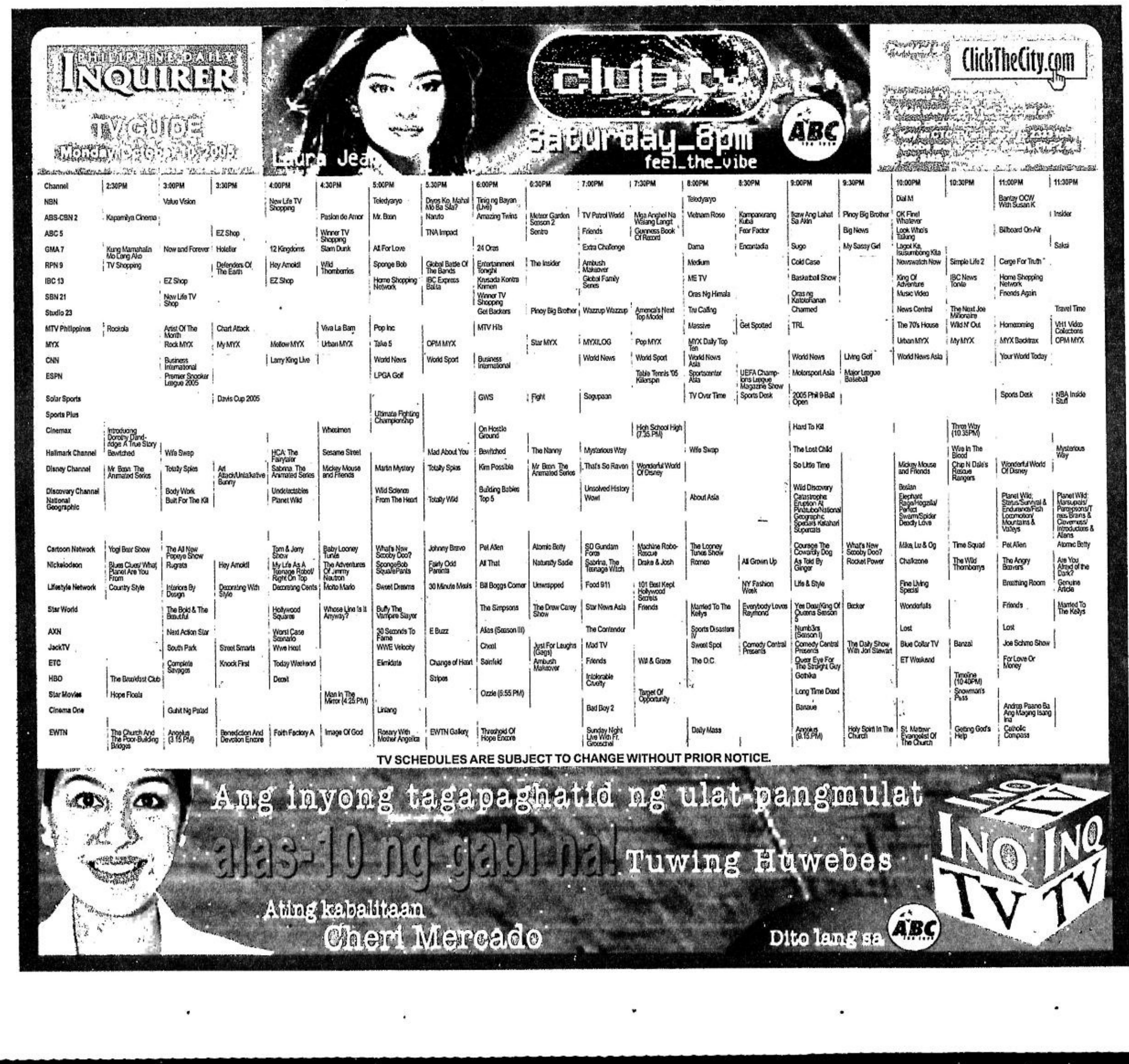
According to the book "Mr. FEU: The Culture Hero That Was Nicanor Reyes" by Nick Joaquin, "accounting as a profession was available only to foreigners and was not given the importance in all Asia and the Philippines that it now has. Dr. Reyes changed all that."

A pioneer accountant who was awarded the first ever Ph.D. in accounting from Columbia University in the United States, Dr. Reyes founded in 1928 the Institute of Accounts, forerunner of FEU, together with economist Clemente Uson, businessmen Celso Icasiano and Rafael Roces and lawyer Francisco Dalupan, father of multititled coach Virgilio "Baby" Dalupan.

But it is not only in the field of accounting that FEU is known for. The Morayta-based university is also a force to reckon with in sports.

FEU's nail-biting victory over La Salle last Thursday in the UAAP men's basketball championship will attest to that. Recall too that when the prestigious Philippine Sportswriters Association held its annual PSA Awards Night on April 15, 1950, FEU tennis player Felicisimo "Totoy" Ampon was named Athlete of the Year while the other FEU standouts were also honored—Tirso del Rosario for boxing and sprints king Bernabe Lovian for track.

Last Thursday at the fullhouse Araneta Coliseum, Arwind Santos, playing with savvy and compassion, provided the most memorable moments in the best-of-three series with an all-around performance that helped the FEU Tamaraws win their 18th UAAP men's basketball title, a feat matched only by University of the East and University of Santo Tomas. A native of Lubao, Pampanga, the 6-foot-4 Santos was named UAAP Most Valuable Player for the second straight year. He also won the Finals MVP award with an average of 21.5 points, 13.5 rebounds and three blocks. He is now ready to join the PBA draft. *(To be continued)*



Raikkonen wins Japanese GP

SUZUKA, JAPAN—KIMI RAIKKONEN passed Giancarlo Fisichella with a daring move entering the final lap Sunday to claim a stunning win at the Japanese Grand Prix.

Raikkonen charged from the back of the starting grid to take his seventh victory of the season and ninth of his career overtaking Fisichella just before the first turn on the Suzuka circuit.

"I was thinking which way to go because the inside is more easy to overtake," said Raikkonen. "But Fisichella was on the inside so I didn't have much choice.

In the constructors race, Renault retook the lead over McLaren with new world champion Fernando Alonso coming in third. Renault takes a 176-174 lead into the final race of the season next week. *AP*

Cardinals sweep Padres

SAN DIEGO—REGGIE SANDERS and the St. Louis Cardinals seem to be in a hurry to return to the World Series, and they weren't about to be slowed by the San Diego Padres.

The Cardinals, baseball's best team in the regular season, brushed aside the Padres just as almost everybody thought they would, winning 7-4 Saturday night for a three-game sweep of their first-round playoff series.

Sanders drove in two more runs to set a National League division series record with 10, and little David Eckstein hit his first career postseason homer as the Cardinals chased former teammate Woody Williams before he could get out of the second inning.

In Houston, Roy Oswalt pitched into the eighth inning, striking out seven of the next 12 batters after an awkward

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spill, and Houston beat Atlanta to take a 2-1 lead in their best-of-five series.

Houston can advance to its second consecutive National League championship series with a victory at home on Sunday.

Brandon Backe will pitch for the Astros—but Atlanta manager Bobby Cox had not announced his starter yet.

He said he might bring Tim Hudson back on three days' rest.

In New York, Game 4 of the American League playoff series between Los Angeles and New York was postponed by rain and moved to Sunday night.

Los Angeles leads the series 2-1.

If the Yankees win and force Game 5, that one would be Monday afternoon or evening in Anaheim, California.

If there is a fifth game in California, it is possible the start of the AL championship series could be pushed back from Tuesday to Wednesday, several baseball officials said, adding that no decision had been made.

Manager Mike Scioscia will stick with Jarrod Washburn as his Game 4 starter and leave 21-game winner Bartolo Colon for Game 5 if it's needed. *AP*

Kim tries again in Samsung golf

DENIED BY LOCAL HOTSHOTS IN HIS FIRST three tries, defending national champion Kim Chang-hoi takes one of his last two chances to earn a return ticket to the grand finals when he leads the cast in the Samsung Amateur Tour starting today at the Couples course of the Riviera Golf and Country Club in Silang, Cavite.

Although most of the 12-man national training pool team are not entered, Kim still has some tough foes to contend with, including a dozen other Korean hopefuls, in the 72-hole competition serving as the fourth eliminations leg of the popular course-hopping Samsung Tour series.

Jun Bernis, Jay Bayron and Ronnie Torrecampo, who are all members of the RP pool, will banner the local bid with Bernis and Bayron themselves hoping to secure their slots for the finals slated next year at the newly opened Summit Point Golf and Country Club in Lipa, Batangas.

After this week's leg, only next month's Ayala Greenfields Estate leg will be left for players to shoot for a finals stint in the series.

SPORTSWATCH

Castillo wins by knockout

LAS VEGAS—This time, Jose Luis Castillo never gave Diego Corrales a chance to come back. Castillo landed a vicious left hook in the fourth round Saturday night to stop Corrales, avenging his defeat from their dramatic first fight with a punch that landed so flush he threw up his hands in victory even as Corrales fell. Castillo left the ring without the lightweight titles Corrales brought in there with him because he failed to make weight the day before. But the belts seemed of little significance as Castillo won what had expected to be a battle of attrition in stunning fashion. *AP*

Daly takes lead from Monty

SAN FRANCISCO—John Daly relied on the long ball to get back into contention, then to take the lead away from Colin Montgomerie on Saturday in an American Express Championship. Daly hit a 378-yard drive that set up an eagle on the par-5 10th, ripped a 292-yard drive into the stiff wind for a chip-and-putt birdie on the par-4 16th, and finished at Harding Park with a 3-under 67 for a one-shot lead over Montgomerie. Tiger Woods was two shots behind. His had a 68, but didn't include sketches of where some of his shots landed—one of them under an SUV parked in the woods, another that went off the cart path, over a 25-foot hospitality tent and was headed for the parking lot until it grazed someone's leg and stopped on the stairs. *AP*

PCAP stag derby today

SEVENTY fights are on tap when the Pinoy Cockers Association of the Philippines (PCAP) 5-stag derby gets under way at 5 p.m. today at the Makati Coliseum. Competition in the PCAP Stagfighter of the Year race also heats up, with lawyer Willie Villarica's VP Alegria Uma leading with 18 points. But Sonny Lagon and Gerry Ramos, fresh off his victory in the fifth PCAP derby last Monday, just a point behind at 17 with their entry Blue Blade Joke 3X. Fajinfer of Pepito Ngo, Jet Fernando and Jingco Brothers is also within striking distance with 16 points. Another 5-stag derby hosted by Tony Marfori and Efren Canlas sizzles at the same venue on Wednesday. For inquiries, call 896-3545 or 895-6475.

90 fights in LGBA cockfest

PROVINCIAL cockfighting stars will be the main draw in the Luzon Gamecock Breeders Association (LGBA) 7-stag Derby which kicks off today at the Araneta Coliseum featuring 90 fights. Competing starting at 2 p.m. are 60 bonafide LGBA members, according to LGBA president Rene "Boy" Diaz. Action continues on Thursday with the second round eliminations. The finals is on Oct. 18. Alex Tang of Bicol (Silver Buck I) and Boy Gamilla of Bulacan (BMJ DMCA) shared the championship of the first LGBA stagfest last Oct. 3 after posting seven wins each. For inquiries, call 926-7808, 924-5072 or 0920-5851940.

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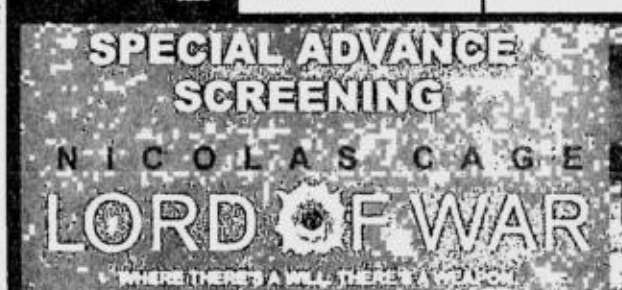

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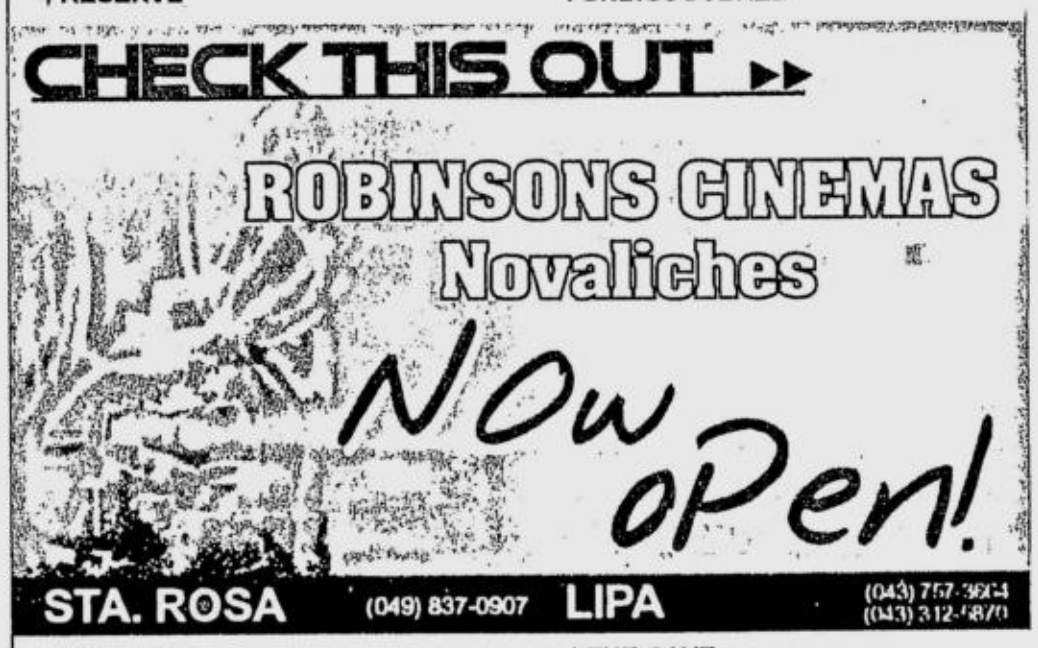

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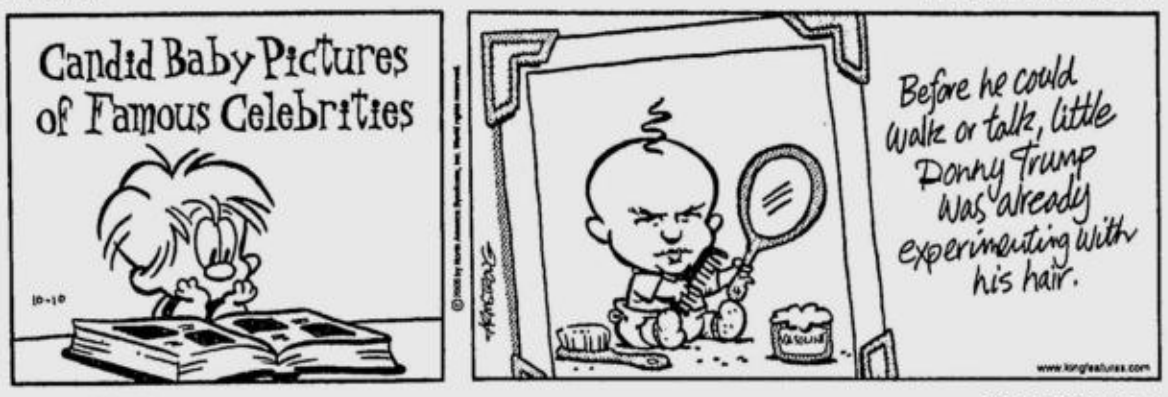

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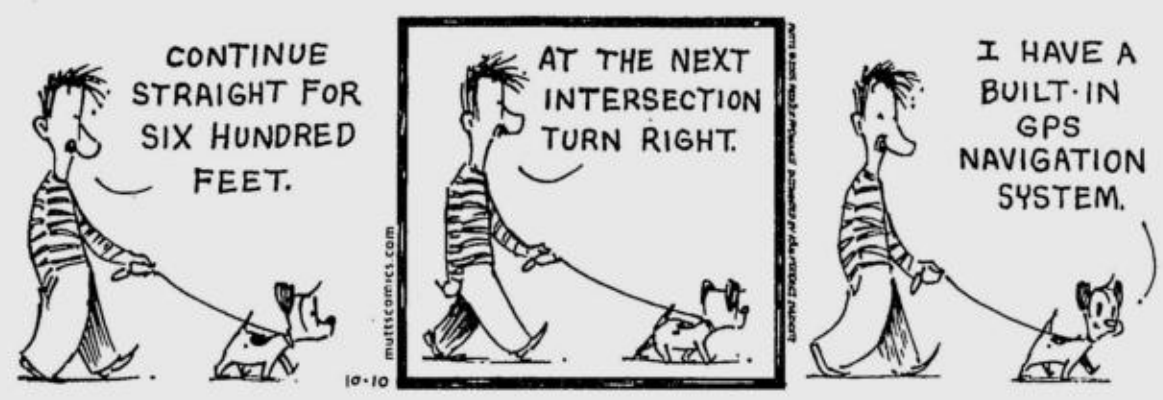

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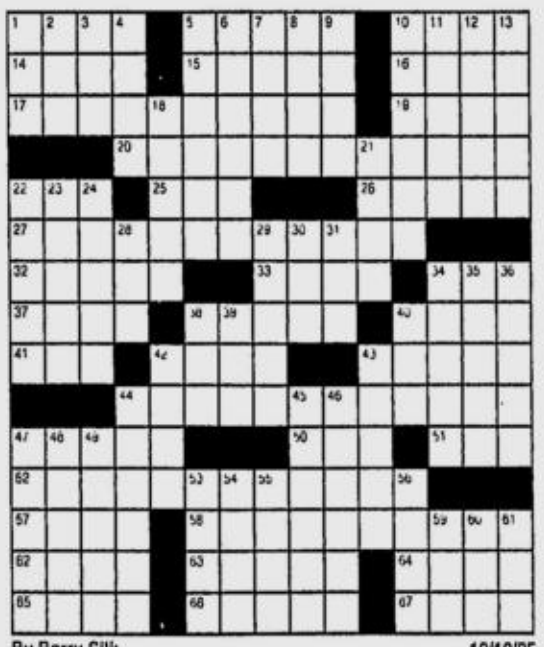

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Sabal resets Milo race record

EDWIN BELLOSILLO

NEW KING AND QUEEN: Cresenciano Sabal (left) and Jho-an Banayag

By Jasmine W. Payo

THE EARLY MORNING RAIN SHOULD HAVE SLOWED him down.

Instead, Cresenciano Sabal ran faster than anybody has ever run the National Milo Marathon despite the absence of tough opposition yesterday.

The Philippine Army private first class topped the 29th edition of the annual footrace in record-breaking fashion, finishing the lung-busting 42-km test in two hours, 21 minutes and 33 seconds—an impressive one minute and 19 seconds faster than the 2:33:52 set by Olympian Eduardo Buenavista in 2002.

After breasting the tape at the end of the grueling run that started and finished in front of the Quirino Grandstand in Manila, he rued the absence of strong foes who would have made the victory even sweeter.

"It would have been better if (last year's champ Roy) Vence was also here," said the 26-year-old Sabal in Filipino.

Apart from Vence, a six-time Milo Marathon winner, Buenavista and former titlist Allan Ballester also didn't join the prestigious race. The three begged off so they can focus on their training for next month's Southeast Asian Games.

In the women's category, Jho-an Banayag came out as the surprise winner by clocking 2:59:57.

Banayag, the leg winner in the Davao City qualifier, edged the favorites—last year's champion Estela Mamac-Diaz and 2003 first-placer Liza Delfin.

"I really forced myself to run even if my legs were already hurting," said Banayag, a native of Maragusan, Compostela Valley.

Sabal, the Lipa City leg champion, bagged the P75,000 grand prize plus a P10,000 bonus for his record-breaking run.

"In the last 10 km, I knew that I had it," said Sabal, who finished third in his first Milo finals last year.

The lean, 5-foot-5 native of Bagumbayan, Sultan Kudarat, finished more than five minutes ahead of second placer Juniel Languid (2:27:35). Rodolfo Tacadino finished third (2:31:19).

The 24-year-old Banayag initially trailed Mamac-Diaz before she left the pack in the final 27-km stretch.

Mamac-Diaz was more than 11 minutes behind when she came in second at 3:10:40. Delfin settled for third, clocking 3:14:03.

"This is my biggest win," said Banayag, who also pocketed the P75,000 top prize.

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'Ako, Legal Wife'

ZSA ZSA (top) and Lily Monteverde

Zsa Zsa Padilla's famous line from 'Mano Po 2' inspires Mother Lily's forthcoming comedy

By Nini Valera

THREE DECADES AFTER SHE PRODUCED her first film, the movies in Lily Monteverde's mind still play non-stop.

"Passion has driven me to the extremes of filmmaking," she said.

This passion keeps "Mother Lily" tireless, though often sleepless, for days on end. The "extremes" that she speaks of are countless. Some projects fell flat, others soared to the limitless space and time of film magic. To the latter belongs the saga of Tsinoys as narrated in the "Mano Po" series, exhibited during the annual Metro Manila Film Festival from 2002 up till last year.

"When Mayor Vilma (Santos) agreed to do the third 'Mano Po,' I told her it would be the last in the series," Monteverde related.

But a line in 'Mano Po 2' had clicked so strongly with moviegoers—and persisted—that the producer was inspired to do another Tsinoy film on the custom of keeping mistresses.

The line—"*Ako*, legal wife. *Si* Belinda, *kabit lang*"—was delivered by Zsa Zsa Padilla, who played one of the women in the life of Christopher de Leon as a Chinese patriarch.

"Ako, Legal Wife" is the new movie's title, of course. The comedy, directed by Joel Lamangan, will compete in the film fest in December.

Me, too

"I'm a legal wife," Monteverde stressed, laughing. "I [am the type who] will work out [kinks in] my marriage no matter what happens [because] I believe in the family."

There are, of course, sacrifices in every marriage, including hers.

"We were not always rich," she said. "There were times in the early years when I would not eat so that my husband could."

Monteverde has been married to businessman Remy Monteverde for 42 years. They have five children, two of whom—Rocelle and Dondon—are now film producers as well.

"My eldest is a special child," Monteverde revealed. "It broke my heart at first. But I [realized] he came from God and he is mine. He is so special, that I love him the most."

Of the many other things that Monteverde loves, movies remain on top of the list.

"I never once thought the movie industry was dying," she said. "It's very much alive. But like most things, it has changed. To survive the downtrend would take a lot of sacrifices for movie producers."

CHEER FACTOR

He can't die or have sex

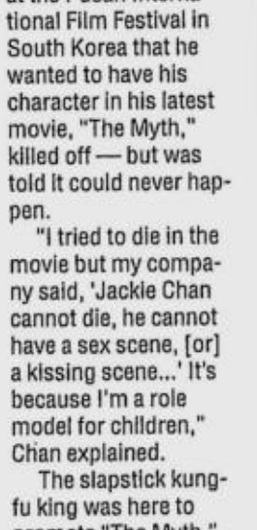
BUSAN, South Korea—Action hero Jackie Chan said on Friday he is forbidden to die on screen—or even have a kissing scene.

Chan told reporters at the Pusan International Film Festival in South Korea that he wanted to have his character in his latest movie, "The Myth," killed off — but was told it could never happen.

"I tried to die in the movie but my company said, 'Jackie Chan cannot die, he cannot have a sex scene, [or] a kissing scene...' It's because I'm a role model for children," Chan explained.

The slapstick kung-fu king was here to promote "The Myth," which co-stars Korean actress Kim Hee-seon, Indian bombshell Mallika Sherawat and Hong Kong actor Tony Leung Ka-fai.

"The Myth," directed by Stanley Tong, is set in China and India. It premiered at the festival's 5,000-seat outdoor cinema. Chan plays an archeologist *a la* Indiana Jones. *AFP*



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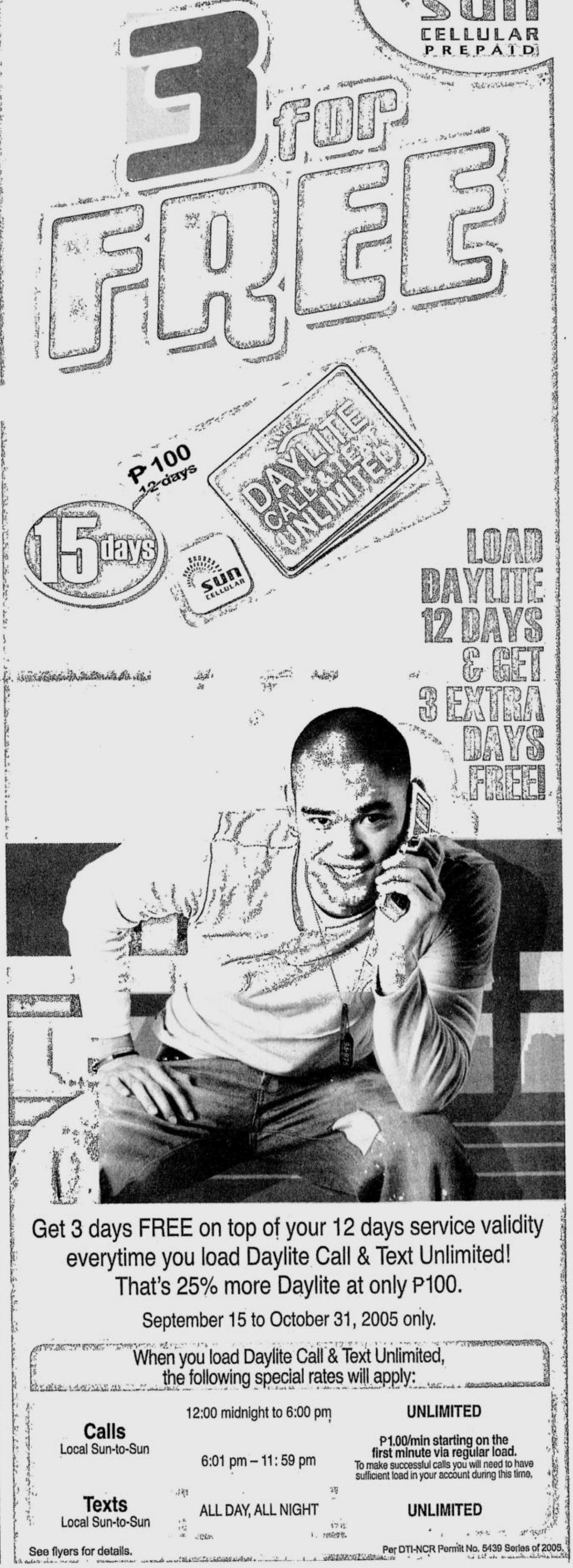

STEVE Carell is effective as a nerd who is content with his u

'40-Year-Old Vi gets lucky and

By Oliver M. Pulumbarit, *Contributor*

REVIEW

THE SEX COMEDY, "THE 40-YEAR-OLD Virgin," works well, basically because it tackles in a sensitive manner the still-touchy subject of "losing it." The dialogue is in turns juvenile, ponderous and wise, which makes the goofy, yet well-meaning, characters a delight to watch and listen to. This is especially true about the title character, an iconic figure that embodies the nice guy who finishes last, very capably played by comedian Steve Carell.

Carell is only now gaining prominence because of the role, although he has been around for over a decade doing less-celebrated TV and film work. His character—virginal, pajama-wearing Andy—allows him to explore love-versus-sex dichotomies while staying true to his chaste but fulfilled life. He loves collecting toys, playing video games and reading comic books. The film capitalizes on the "nerd who can't get laid" stereotype—many geeks and hobbyists can and will dispel that as myth—but Carell pulls it off convincingly.

Andy's co-workers help him find a woman with whom he can have his first sexual experience—forcing him to communicate with potential partners. But he is comfortable wi ally the message makeover and c lines end up as prolonged, torso- stance, is uncom mannered Andy, p pet, hurls curses u

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'Dubai': Focus on two brothers

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story, so she's roundly upstaged by her two leading men.

They have a field day going through the many bumps and grinds that their sibling relationship undergoes, with Aga playing the martyr by offering to give up his own happiness so that John Lloyd can have Claudine all to his spoiled self.

All of this gets to be a bit boo-hoo tendentious after a while, but we accept the movie's melodramatic progression for what it is. However, we do balk at the movie's excessively travelogue tendencies and its having had to go abroad just to come up with another melodrama.

We also think that the "comic relief" provided by supporting players like **Pokwang** isn't very amusing.

But what really ticks us off is the script's protracted and repetitive iteration of John Lloyd's disappointment with older brother Aga for failing to live up to his pledge to take him to live in Canada.

Enough already, there are more affecting dreams to belabor...

On point of performance, Aga still "owns" the film, despite his strained approach in some scenes, including the movie's too-protracted melodramatic finale.

Given his meaty role, John Lloyd could have scored thespic points in this film, but his "TV acting" style (intense but shallow) robs his portrayal of genuine emotional unction. As for director **Rory Quintos'** work, it's competent, but not inspired.

All told, the movie's best suit is its exemplary technical and production expertise, which enables it to tell its story with confidence, and helps balance its potentially mawkish melodramatic element.

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Retro fun, fun, fun with the Beach Boys

By Pocholo Concepcion, *Contributor*

MANILA TURNED RETRO COUNTRY FRIDAY night at the Araneta Coliseum, as some 10,000 music fans—mostly baby boomers with their families in tow—turned up to hear the Beach Boys and their sunny harmonies live in concert.

Though the band came 40 years late—and minus its founders, the Wilson brothers, two of whom have died—Filipino fans showed enthusiasm nonetheless by lining up at the two hours before show time.

In the 1960s, the Beach Boys were the only American rock 'n' roll band to successfully compete with the Beatles in the Top 40 charts. On a creative level, Paul McCartney has acknowledged having plotted the masterpiece "Sgt. Pepper's Lonely Heart's Club Band" to "rise to the challenge" of the Beach Boys' magnum opus, "Pet Sounds"—which was itself inspired by the Beatles' "Rubber Soul" album.

REVIEW

Much of the Beach Boys' legend could be traced to band leader Brian Wilson, who was responsible for writing the music, producing and recording the album sessions, as well as orchestrating the famed vocal harmonies.

And although his genius was initially ignored since most of the group's songs concentrated on surfing, fast cars and girl-watching in his native Southern California, the critical consensus now is that Brian influenced his generation by popularizing technical jargon (on such songs as "Shut Down," "409," "Little Deuce Coupe," etc.), and celebrating youthful naivete ("Surfin' USA," and "Fun, Fun, Fun" among dozens of other hits).

Too bad Brian wasn't around to witness how much Pinoys loved his work. In his place, cousin and original bandmate Mike Love took center stage as vocalist, along with Brian Johnston (vocals/keyboards), Mike Kowalski (drums), Chris Farmer (bass/vocals), Tim Bonhomme (keyboards/vocals), John Cowsill (keyboards/percussion) and Scott Totten (guitar/vocals).

> The show was worth the 40-year wait... too bad Brian Wilson wasn't around to see how much Pinoys loved his work

Johnston was introduced as the writer of the Barry Manilow hit, "I Write the Songs." Otherwise, the rest of the refurbished Beach Boys were practically nobodies and probably toddlers when teenagers 'round the world were singing along to "California Girls" and "Help Me Rhonda."

Some interesting scenes

But this young lineup of musicians deserved credit for helping turn the show into a real interesting gig. When Love's singing sounded weak and distracted by a bunch of females in the front row, Farmer stood out with his clear phrasing of some of the band's repertoire. Totten, too, shared vocal chores effectively while keeping the crowd awake with his clanging guitar.

Johnston likewise appeared distracted by uneven audio mixing that drowned out the vocals in the crucial early minutes. The audience seemed on the verge of nodding out (at least those in the upper box section)—until the hits came splashing in.

Curious scenes: a big group of Caucasians dancing lustily up front and sporting what Brian Wilson glorified as "a-bushy-bushy blond hairdo" in "Surfin' USA"; middle-aged women *barkadas* standing up and singing along to "Barbara Anne"; a frenzied father head-banging along with his wife and kids to "I Get Around."

Earlier, the mood was set into motion by another '60s luminary, Ramon Jacinto. Although sounding a bit too novelty by imitating Louis Armstrong's throaty vocals in "What a Wonderful World," Jacinto captured a nascent feeling the Beach Boys themselves would spread later on: that for a few precious hours of escapist fun, this part of the globe was doing just fine.

The CompanY reprises 20 years

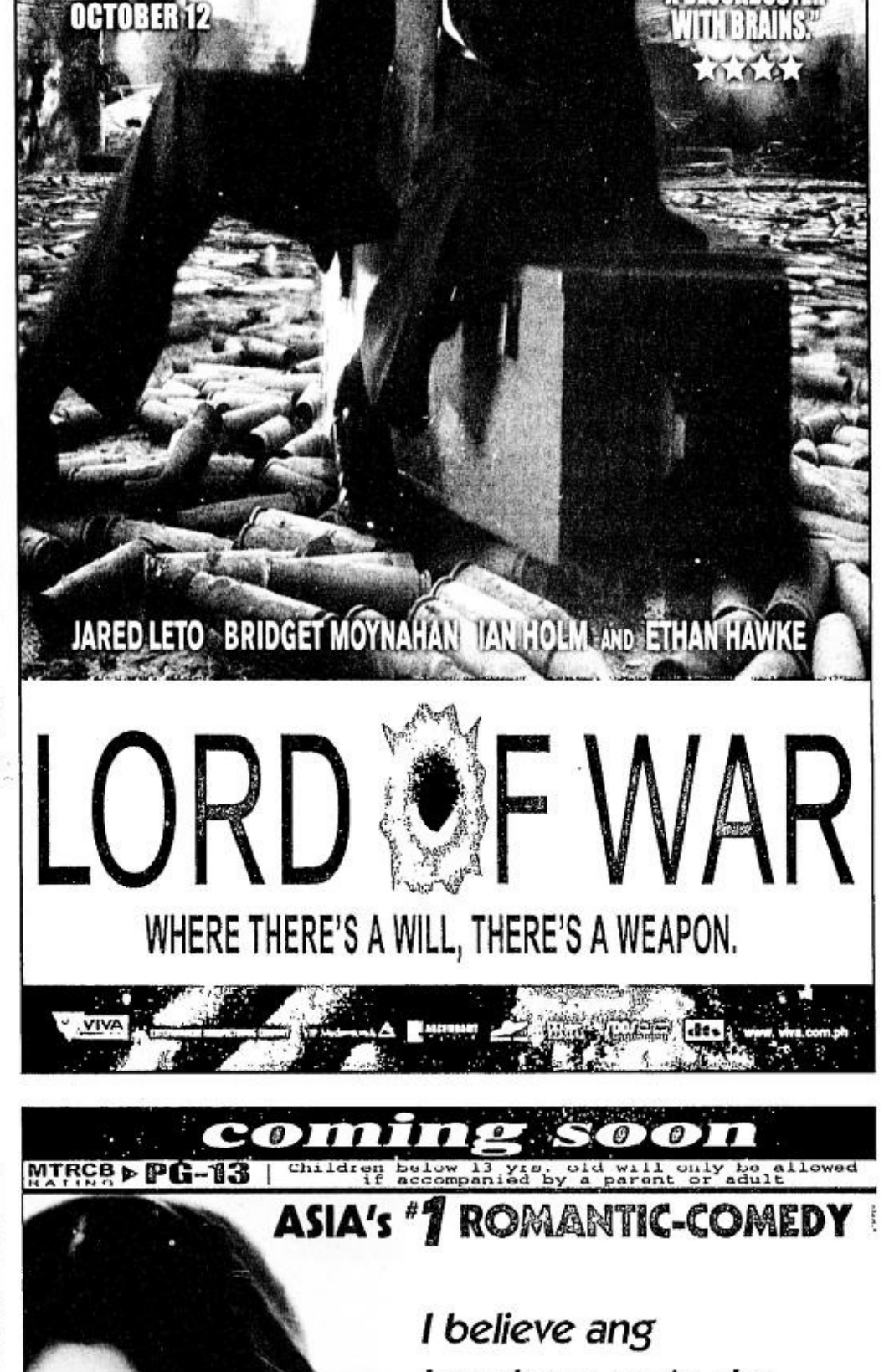
SPIN CITY

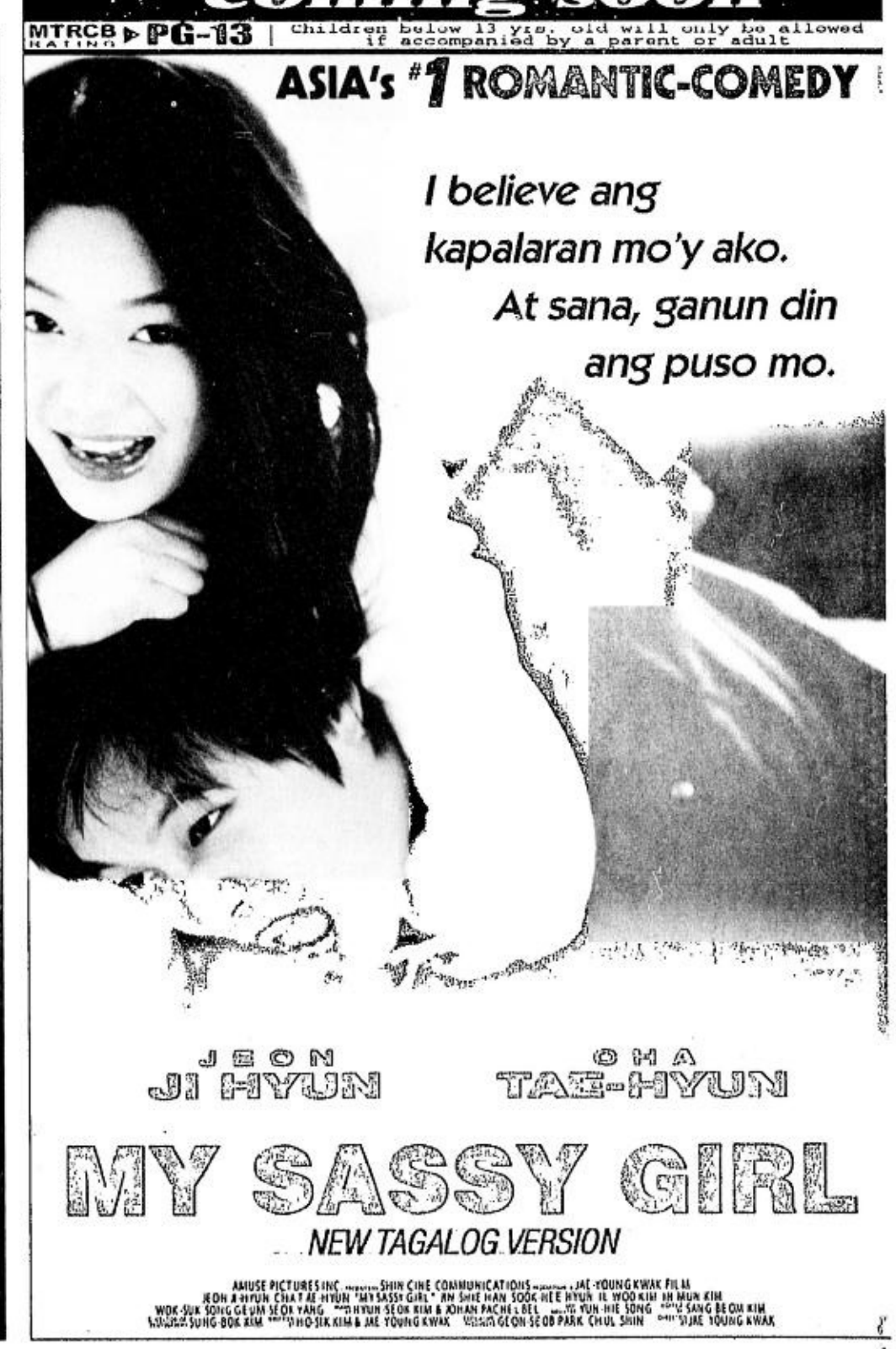
"THE COMPANY—THE ANTHOLOGY" IS A CD box set released by Viva Records to mark the premier vocal group's 20th anniversary in the business.

Disc One, "Hits and More," contains 79 minutes of audio material, including the group's originals ("Everlasting Love," "Now That I Have You," "Baka Ikaw," among them), unreleased tracks, remixes, demos, jingles and excerpts from radio interviews.

Disc Two, "The Videos," is The CompanY's complete videography, including their music video of "Huling El Bimbo."

The special package comes with a limited-edition, 44-page, book of photos and track and liner notes.





'Dubai': Focus on two brothers

VIEWFINDER

Nestor U. Torre

AFTER PRODUCING THE POPULAR OFW film, "Milan," Star Cinema has come up again with another movie about Filipino workers overseas, "Dubai." Are we in for a long series of more such productions about "exported" local labor?

"London," "Paris," "Hong Kong," "Singapore," "Saipan"—the locales may change, but the same brown or *tisoy* faces remain.

These thoughts come to mind because "Dubai" goes pretty much through the same social, cultural, economic and anthropological territory that "Milan" more effectively mined. For viewers who want something new in the movies they see, this can be a downer.

To its credit, "Dubai" does offer something that's relatively new, at least in terms of theme: It chooses to focus, not exclusively on the usual romantic complications between males and females, but also on the even more complicated relationship between two brothers (**Aga Muhlach** and **John Lloyd Cruz**).

It's even more surprising to find such a thematic focus in a melodrama, which is usually intended for a female audience. And yet, the movie presents the two brothers' story so engagingly that women viewers embrace it, and don't resent the screen time it takes away from its more standard "triangle" romance (the brothers fall for the same woman, played by **Claudine Barretto**).

Since Claudine also topbilled "Milan," she doesn't do much that's new in this follow-up OCW

DUBAI/ A2-2

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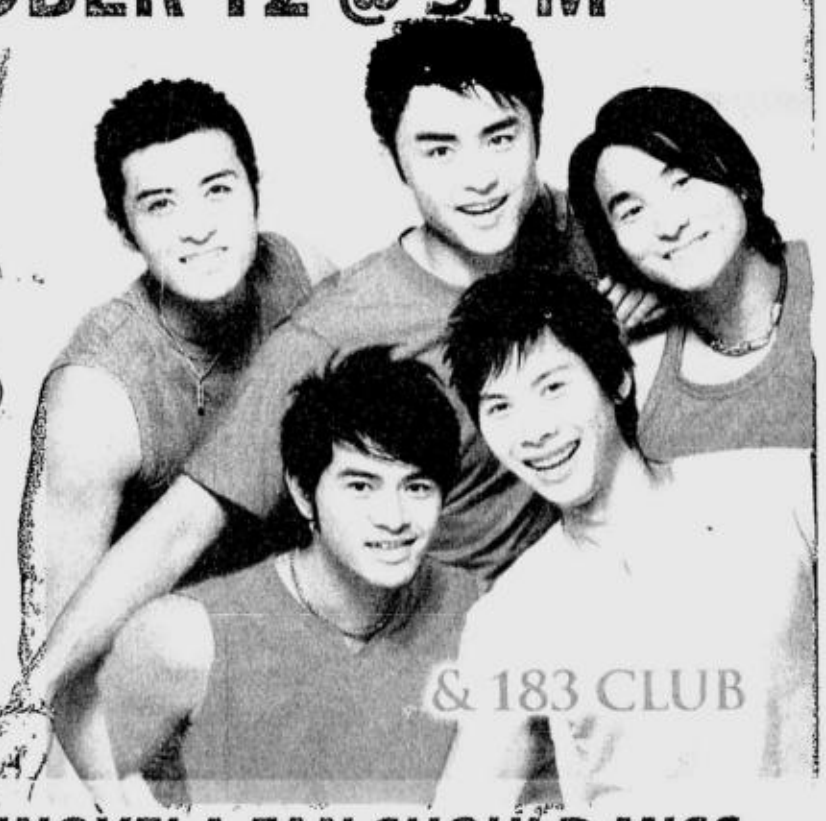

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ROUNDUP

'Rock Star' redux

THOSE who can't get enough of "Rock Star: INXS" can catch the recently concluded reality talent search on free TV, Wednesdays (10 to 11 p.m.) and Thursday (10 to 10:30 p.m.) starting Oct. 19 on ABC 5.

Of course everyone knows by now that Canadian JD Fortune topped the tilt. Still, there's the prospect of enjoying yet again Fil-Aussie finalist MiG Ayesa's performances—especially of Peter Frampton's "Baby I Love Your Way" and Seal's "Kiss From a Rose." ABC is also set to air "The Apprentice"—both the Donald Trump and Martha Stewart editions—this month.

It's raining men!

AWARD-WINNING filmmakers Joel Lamangan and Mel Chionglo team up for the rowdy revue, "All About Men 2... Penis Talks Reloaded," which premieres at the Music Museum Oct. 14. Lamangan explained that the new production is not a sequel to last year's controversial "Penis Talks." "We will have new sketches by Ricky Lee, plus 25 original songs by Vince de Jesus and choreography by Ding Cruz," he said.

Fresh recuits are Jay Manalo, Polo Ravales and Reggie Curley.

Other show dates: Oct. 15, 21, 22 and 28 Call 721-0635, 891-9999 or 415-0373.

Favorite 'Idol'

PAULA Abdul, Randy Jackson and Simon Cowell, judges of "American Idol," agree that Fantasia Barrino is their "favorite" champion. "If we had to choose one 'Idol' to go out to dinner with, it would be Fantasia," gushed Cowell, who is usually stingy with praise.

The judges were similarly pleased with some of the new aspirants they heard in North Carolina. But Mr. Nasty was his old self—even though a contestant sang him "Happy Birthday."

"That was nice, but you have a terrible voice," he hissed. *AP*

United vs piracy

THE OPTICAL Media Board has deputized the Association of Video Distributors of the Philippines Inc. (Avidphil) to help protect and promote the country's legitimate video industry. The agreement was signed by OMB chair Edu Manzano and Avidphil chair and president Rodolfo S.M. Confesor. Avidphil can now conduct surveillance for the OMB and law enforcement agencies.

MANZANO, right, with Confesor and Viva Video's Teresita Cruz

Defending Kate

BRITISH pop star Robbie Williams commented that supermodel Kate Moss was being attacked unfairly for allegedly using cocaine. "We are talking about a woman who has never harmed or hurt anyone," Williams quipped in a press conference for his new album "Intensive Care" in Berlin. "What she does in her private life should be her private life." Photos of Moss, apparently snorting cocaine, were published in the Daily Mirror tabloid last month. Soon after, she lost contracts with H&M, Burberry and Chanel. *AP*

Gary V tours US

THE SECOND leg of the "Gary Valenciano US 2005" concert tour is in full swing.

After shows in Illinois and Texas, Gary V will perform at the Meany Hall, Seattle, Washington on Oct. 28; at the Cache Creek Events Center Cache Creek on Oct. 30; at the Sundome Tampa in Tampa, Florida, on Nov. 4; and the Taj Mahal in Atlantic City on Nov. 5. Zsa Zsa Padilla is special guest at the Taj Mahal show.

JLo of the slums

NOGALES, Mexico—Pop diva and actress Jennifer Lopez has put aside glamour and is filming in a hilltop shantytown this week for a gritty movie about the murders of hundreds of women on the US-Mexico border. Wearing a blond wig, slacks and long-sleeved shirts, Lopez plays a Chicago-based reporter. Directed by Gregory Nava and co-starring Antonio Banderas., "Bordertown" is being shot in this city on the border with Arizona. *Reuters*

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BIR misses September target by P800M

Insurance sector reforms hang

By Daxim L. Lucas

(First of two parts)

THE HEAD OF THE INSURance Commission serves at the pleasure of the President.

In the case of former Insurance Commissioner Benjamin S. Santos, he served at the pleasure of President Macapagal-Arroyo's alter ego, Finance Secretary Margarito B. Teves.

SPECIAL REPORT

Last Wednesday—after 14 months at the helm of the Insurance Commission—his luck finally ran out, Malacañang sacked him unceremoniously.

Reform-minded

A closer look at the circumstances behind Santos' firing reveals a deeper story about stunted reform measures, much more than just his personality, which the former insurance chief admits can be "abrasive" at times.

"I wanted to raise the capitalization requirements for the industry," he says in an interview with the INQUIRER. "Insurance companies are supposed to be capitalized in a big way. It has to be substantial."

Many insurance companies are capitalized at only P50 million or less—a level that was implemented only in 2002—after having been required to put up only P10 million in earlier years.

Those which have failed to meet more stringent capital requirements have been feeling Santos' whip.

At the same time, many of these small insurance firms have shunned the mainstream life insurance business, concentrating instead on lucrative "public liability coverage" businesses like the compulsory third party liability (CTPL) for motor vehicles.

In a privileged speech delivered last week, Sen. Juan Ponce Enrile trained his guns on some of these firms, accusing them of being "buccaneers," selling "fake and spurious" CTPL policies to unsuspecting clients.

Enrile said that the industry

INSURANCE/ B11

Preliminary report misstated by P1.4B

By Michelle V. Remo

THE BUREAU OF INTERNAL Revenue again reported a bloated monthly revenue collection, with its tax take for September actually falling short of target by P800 million instead of the earlier reported P600 million in excess collection.

Preliminary reports from the Department of Finance said the BIR actually collected only P37.7 billion in September, or lower than its collection target for the month of P38.5 billion.

Finance Secretary Margarito Teves earlier announced to the media that the BIR, an attached agency of the Department of Finance, surpassed its target for September and collected P39.1 billion. The announcement of Teves was based on a report submitted to him by the BIR, headed by its officer-in-charge, Jose Mario Buñag.

The discrepancy between the initial and the actual September collection reports was due to the P1.4 billion worth of branch-profit-tax liability of a multinational company that the BIR already included in its collection for the month, although the firm has yet to remit the tax payment.

Sources from the DOF said the tax payment might be remitted by the firm in the next few days, in which case the amount should be counted as part of the BIR's October—and not September—collection.

This was the second time the BIR reported an overstated monthly collection report. For the month of August, the BIR had reported that its tax collection stood at P55.1 billion, but the DOF later corrected the figure to P53.9 billion.

The INQUIRER was trying to get the comment of Buñag but he could not be reached as of press time.

The BIR's tax collection performance for September was deemed a crucial factor in determining whether Buñag, who was tasked to oversee the BIR following the resignation of Guillermo Parayno Jr., would officially be in-

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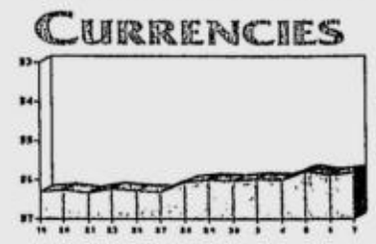

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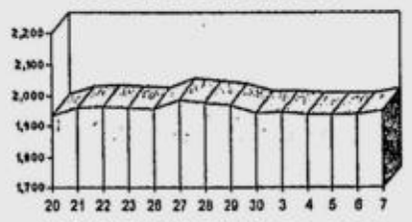

(See stock market report on Page B8)

Active trading seen

STOCKS ARE LIKELY TO BE BUOYANT THIS week as investors track third-quarter profits for possible buying motivation, analysts said.

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B15 L23 WOODROW HILLS
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B3 L4 COTTONWOOD HEIGHTS
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L.A. 50 sqm.
B36 L11 Nangka St.,
TIERRA MONTE, San Mateo
Min. Bid Price : P 250,000

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17 Doylestown St.,
COUNTRY HOMES, Cainta
Min. Bid Price : P 1,890,000

2RSB-0-CN3 - HOUSE & LOT
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63 Yakal St., GREENWOODS, Cainta
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Doña Nieves, Sto. Niño, ANGONO
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Min. Bid Price : P 1,650,000

1RSB-0-LP5 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 315 sqm F.A. 194.25 sqm
2 Uranium St., CAMELLA HOMES
CLASSIC IV
Min. Bid Price : P 2,100,000

1RSB-0-LP6 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 238 sqm F.A. 112 sqm
51 Dao St., PILAR VILLAGE
Min. Bid Price : P 1,800,000

2RSB-0-LP1- HOUSE & LOT
L.A 592sqm F.A 392sqm
CRM Ave cor CRM Luz, B.F HOMES
Min Bid Price: P 7,800,000

1RSB-V-LP1 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 270 sqm
Jave Murphy St., BF. RESORT VILL
Min. Bid Price : P 2,315,000

1RSB-V-LP2 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 150 sqm F.A. 68 sqm
L30 La Segovia BF. RESORT VILL.
Min. Bid Price : P 1,350,000

1RSB-V-LP9 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 216 sqm F.A. 221 sqm
22 Amethyst St., LAS PIÑAS ROYALE
Min. Bid Price : P 3,100,000

MARIKINA

2RSB-0-MR1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 420 sqm. F.A. 310 sqm.
73 Dama De Noche, TWINVILLE SUBD.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,835,000

MAKATI CITY

1RSB-0-MK1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 273 sqm FA 193 sqm.
PEMBO, Fort Bonifacio
Min. Bid Price : P 2,250,000

MANILA

1RSB-V-ML1 - 2 units CONDOMINIUM
FA 128 sqm.
EMPIRE PLAZA CONDO
Min. Bid Price : P 4,365,000.00

MUNTINLUPA

2RSB-0-MN1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 154 sqm F.A. 135 sqm
LAKESHORE HOMES
Min. Bid Price : P 1,650,000.00

PASIG CITY

1RSB-0-PG1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 65 sqm. F.A. 30 sqm.
Unit L101-A-L101 OMM,
SAN MIGUEL AVE.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,250,000

1RSB-V-PG2 - CONDO UNIT
F.A. 90.47 sqm. per unit
Unit F-301 / F-302 HAMPTON GARDEN
Min. Bid Price: P 2,250,000 per unit

2RSB-0-PG1 - HOUSE & LOT
F.A. 240 sqm. F.A. 186 sqm.
2 Dakwood St., GREENWOODS
Min. Bid Price: P 2,300,000

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1RSB-0-PY1 - OFFICE CONDO
F.A. 33.26 sqm.
Unit 1108, 11th Flr. BUENDIA TOWER
Min. Bid Price : P 1,400,000.00

1RSB-0-PY2 -OFFICE CONDO
FA 43.67 sqm.
Rm. 603, 6th Flr. BUENDIA TOWER
Min. Bid Price : P 1,710,000.00

2RSB-0-PY3 -VACANT LOT
L.A. 193 sqm
B17 L6 Topaz St., SAN JOSE
Min. Bid Price : P 1,634,000.00

PARAÑAQUE

1RSB-0-PQ1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 129 sqm F.A. 245 sqm.
15-A Shenandoah St.,
SHENANDOAH HOMES
Min. Bid Price : P 2,610,000.00

1RSB-0-PQ2 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 90 sqm F.A. 173.75 sqm.
B42 L27 John St., BETTERLIVING SUBD.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,550,000.00

1RSB-V-PQ2 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 351 sqm F.A. 313 sqm
B26 L1 Don Bosco St.,
BETTERLIVING SUBD.
Min. Bid Price : P 3,800,000.00

2RSB-V-PQ1 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 331 sqm
L3 B10 Everlasting cor., Violet St.,
MARCELO GREEN VILLAGE
Min. Bid Price : P 1,575,000.00

QUEZON CITY

1RSB-0-QC3 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 73 sqm.
L8-D JEM 3 SUBD., Banlat
Min. Bid Price : P 1,160,000

1RSB-0-QC4- TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 60 sqm. F.A. 100 sqm.
Unit 8 Adella 5 PARK TOWNHOMES
Min. Bid Price : P 1,400,000

1RSB-0-QC5 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 37 sqm. F.A. 59 sqm.
Unit 207-G SCOUT CHUATOCO
Min. Bid Price : P 1,850,000

1RSB-0-QC8 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 526 sqm. F.A. 379 sqm.
B11 L30 FAIRVIEW PARK SUBD.
Min. Bid Price : P 6,000,000

1RSB-0-QC9 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 659 sqm. F.A. 274 sqm.
No. 28 Newport St.,
EAST FAIRVIEW SUBD.
Min. Bid Price : P 4,000,000

1RSB-V-QC1 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 325 sqm.
L14 B26 J Fuentes, NORTH
SUSANA EXECUTIVE VILLAGE.
Min. Bid Price : P 2,500,000

1RSB-V-QC2 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 56 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
CENTURY HOMES Novaliches
Min. Bid Price : P 650,000

1RSB-V-QC3- HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 54sqm. F.A. 66sqm.
B1 L116 GRANWOOD VILLAS
Min. Bid Price : P 1,950,000

2RSB-V-QC1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 378 sqm. F.A. 642 sqm.
23 Pinesville, GREENVIEW EXEC. SUBD.
Min. Bid Price : P 7,500,000

1RSB-V-QC4 - TOWNHOUSE
L.A. 81.8 sqm. F.A. 76 sqm.
Unit 9 APA COMP., TS
Min. Bid Price : P 1,000,000

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1RSB-0-TG1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1048 sqm F.A. 300 sqm
135 M.L. Quezon, HAGUNOY
Min. Bid Price : P 8,000,000.00

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1RSB-0-VL4 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 166 sqm. F.A. 298.5 sqm.
#3 LITTLE BAGUIO, Marulas
Min. Bid Price : P 2,300,000

1RSB-0-VL6 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 215.8 sqm. F.A. 258.7 sqm.
Sto. Rosario Modesto St.,
MAPULANG LUPA
Min. Bid Price : P 2,600,000

1RSB-0-VL12 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 247 sqm.
233 20th St., FORTUNE VILLAGE
Min. Bid Price: P 1,950,000

1RSB-0-VL3 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 244 sqm. F.A. 120 sqm.
167 6th St., FORTUNE VILLAGE
Min. Bid Price : P 1,050,000

BULACAN

1RCBC2-0-BL1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 764 sqm. F.A. 132 sqm.
Lot 67B Agnaya, PLARIDEL
Min. Bid Price: P 2,600,000

1RCBC2-0-BL3 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 45 sqm. F.A. 23 sqm.
569 Parulan, PLARIDEL
Min. Bid Price: P 850,000

1RCBC2-0-BL7 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 2,656 sqm.
Cutcot, PULILAN
Min. Bid Price: P 5,800,000

1RCBC2-0-BL9 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 540 sqm. F.A. 200 sqm.
MARY GRACE SUBD., Plaridel
Min. Bid Price: P 1,850,000

1RSB-0-BL20 - RSDL LOT
L.A.5,497 sqm
Bo. Mabolo, MALOLOS
Min. Bid Price: P 4,455,000

1RSB-0-BL14 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 3,958 sqm.
Lot 3004 C Camangyanan, STA. MARIA
Min. Bid Price: P 1,850,000

2RSB-0-BL2 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 350 sqm. F.A. 120 sqm.
B2 L5 & L7 Violleta Metroville, BOCAUE
Min. Bid Price: P 2,250,000

1RSB-0-BL11 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 1,421 sqm.
Everlasting, CARISSA HOMES, SJDM
Min. Bid Price: P 1,150,000

1RSB-0-BL16 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,528 sqm. F.A. 305 sqm.
229 Manatal, PANDI
Min. Bid Price: P 4,400,000

1RSB-0-BL18 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 207 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
89 Sumapang Bata, MALOLOS
Min. Bid Price: P 875,000

1RSB-0-BL21 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,708 sqm. F.A. 100 sqm.
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Min. Bid Price: P 2,400,000

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Min. Bid Price: P 900,000

1RSB-V-BL1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 259 sqm F.A 160 sqm.
BUHANGIN GARDEN VILL., Sta. Maria
Min. Bid Price: P 2,700,000

1RSB-V-BL7 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 116 sqm F.A 36 sqm.
B24 L35 PALMERA HOMES, Sto. Cristo
Min. Bid Price: P 325,000

1RSB-V-BL9 - COMM'L LOT
L.A. 2,471 sqm.
Burol 1st, BALAGTAS
Min. Bid Price: P 18,000,000

1RSB-V-BL15 - RSDL LOT
L.A. 480 sqm
Eucalyptus St., GREENPLAINS.,
Min. Bid Price: P 1,170,000

2RSB-V-BL1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 1,402 sqm. F.A. 60 sqm.
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Min. Bid Price: P 11,000,000

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L.A. 845 sqm. F.A. 809 sqm.
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Min. Bid Price: P 4,800,000

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L.A. 5,686 sqm. F.A. 1,310 sqm.
Lot 1390 D Saloysoy, CABANATUAN
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1RSB-V-CV4 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 141 sqm F.A. 70 sqm.
B12 L24 LA MEDITERRANEA SUBD.
Min. Bid Price: P 875,000.00

1RSB-0-CV10 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 72 sqm F.A. 33 sqm.
B1 L85 PHILHOMES VILLE, Toklong
Min. Bid Price: P 250,000.00

1RSB-V-CV11 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 63 sqm F.A. 30 sqm.
B7 L3 PHILHOMES VILLE, Toklong
Min. Bid Price: P 290,000.00

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L.A. 63 sqm F.A. 38 sqm.
B6 L7 PHILHOMES VILLE, Toklong
Min. Bid Price: P 365,000.00

1RSB-0-CV9 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 53 sqm F.A. 93 sqm.
B5 L45 GEORGEVILLE, Imus
Min. Bid Price: P 720,000.00

2RSB-0-CV1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 231 sqm F.A. 130 sqm.
B4 L23 Poinsettia St., VIA VERDE VILL.
Min. Bid Price: P 1,500,000.00

2RSB-0-CV7 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 70 sqm F.A. 30 sqm.
B47 L10-B GEORGETOWN HEIGHTS II
Min. Bid Price: P 490,000.00

LAGUNA

2RSB-0-LG38 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 252sqm. FA.146 sqm.
B2 L13 Parklane st.,
LA MAREA SUBD., San Pedro
Min. Bid Price: P2,700,000

1RSB-0-LG28 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 300 sqm. F.A. 110 sqm.
PACITA COMPLEX no. 13 C.P. Garcia
Min. Bid Price: P 2,000,000.00

1RSB-0-LG29 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 252sqm. F.A. 100sqm
LAKESHORE SUBD., Bay
Min. Bid Price: P 1,350,000.00

1RSB-0-LG32 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 950 sqm. FA 450 sqm
B8 L4,5,6,&7 DON MIGUEL SUBD. Pila
Min. Bid Price: P 5,300,000.00

1RSB-0-LG31 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 190/298 sqm. FA 430sqm
B3 L 31 & 32 JAMAICA HILLS SUBD.
Min. Bid Price: P 5,000,000.00

1RSB-V-LG25 - VACANT LOT
L.A. 60/220/174 sqm
B21 Lots 33,34,35 SAN LORENZO VILL.
Min. Bid Price: P 2,300,000.00

2RSB-0-LG26 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 271 sqm F.A.150 sqm
B15-A Barrio Road Bo. STA. ROSA
Min. Bid Price: P 760,000.00

2RSB-0-LG27 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 573 sqm F.A.82 sqm
L15&16 B4 Chestnut St. LA MAREA
Min. Bid Price: P 3,515,000.00

2RSB-0-LG33 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A. 90 sqm F.A.36 sqm
L3 B2 PAMELA HOMES, Brgy Cabuo-an
Min. Bid Price: P 130,000.00

2RSB-V-LG21- VACANT LOT
L.A. 276 sqm
L26 B26 Zenon St. LA RESIDENCIA
Min. Bid Price: P 1,350,000.00

PAMPANGA

2RSB-0-PM8- HOUSE & LOT
L.A 120sqm F.A 67sqm
PALMERA HOMES, Sto. Cristo
Min Bid Price: P 320,000.00

2RSB-0-PM12- HOUSE & LOT
L.A 110sqm F.A 32sqm
METROCLARK, Balibago
Min Bid Price: P 460,000.00

QUEZON PROVINCE

2RSB-0-QZ2 - VACANT LOT
L.A 571sqm
127 NATIONAL HI-WAY,
Brgy. Isabang
Min Bid Price: P 2,065,000.00

2RSB-0-QZ1 - HOUSE & LOT
L.A 200sqm F.A 69sqm
Bo. Capt. PASCUAL TEJADA St.
Min Bid Price: P 540,000.00

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1RSB-V-TG1 - BLDG. & LOT
L.A 613sqm
NATIONAL Rd., Brgy. Kaybagal
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ATI cuts budget for South Harbor

By Clarissa S. Batino

PORT OPERATOR ASIAN TERMINALS INC. plans to cut by more than half its $300-million budget to upgrade the South Harbor, according to the Philippine Ports Authority.

PPA general manager Oscar Sevilla said ATI had asked the regulator to approve the revision in the program to upgrade the South Harbor.

Sevilla said that under the new plan, ATI would only invest $130 million, which would cover the rehabilitation of Pier 2 and the building occupied by the PPA.

ATI committed to the $300-million investment when it signed the operations contract with the PPA years ago.

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MFIs bet on LGUs

By Ronnel W. Domingo

INFRASTRUCTURE projects and services in the Philippines could be delivered better by local governments, according to the joint study by the World Bank and the Asian Development Bank.

Launched last week, the report called "Decentralization in the Philippines: Strengthening Local Government Financing and Resource Management in the Short Term," focused on sources of local government financing and accountability of resource use.

The study found that 14 years after the Local Government Code of 1991 was enacted, many well-performing local government units have shown they could provide needed public services.

However, the study also found that overall local government performance must be encouraged and that this could be achieved by enhancing LGUs' ability and capacity to raise their own revenues and access other resources.

Another step was to strengthen LGUs' key resource management systems and processes.

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Tan stakes legal claim on Terminal 3

TAIPAN LUCIO TAN WILL TODAY file a Supreme Court case against the government to formally claim the right to operate the stalled Terminal 3 of the Ninoy Aquino International Airport.

According to the grapevine, Tan lawyers are scheduled to file this morning a petition for mandamus and injunction against the Department of Transportation and Communication, DOTC Secretary Leandro Mendoza and the Manila International Airport Authority.

Tan has acquired absolute control from fellow taipans of Asia's Emerging Dragon Corp., the original proponent of Terminal 3 until the 1997 concession agreement was awarded to the controversial Piatco consortium.

With the Supreme Court declaring the Piatco contract illegal for its numerous and substantial post-award amendments, Tan's contention is that Asia's Emerging Dragon Corp. is "automatically entitled" under the build-operate-transfer law to now take over Terminal 3 as original project proponent.

The taipan's action comes in the wake of the deterioration of Terminal 2, now being leased exclusively to the taipan's Philippine Airlines.

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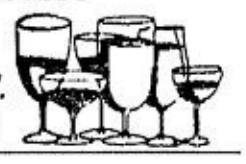

The terminal, to the embarrassment of PAL and its passengers, has all six elevators conking out one after another since April. Moreover, the south wing escalator has stopped working since February, the flight display terminal busted since mid-August, and the air-conditioning system erratic for years.

According to the grapevine, PAL has offered to have the equipment fixed and simply offset the costs against lease payments, but, for still unclear reasons, the airport authority insists on its own engineers and its preferred sub-contractors to conduct the repair and maintenance.

Opus Dei mystery

DESPITE their Columbia University degrees, the Opus Dei-dominated Nicphil Insurance Corp. has had "negative retained earnings" since the conservative religious group took over the original Netherlands Insurance in 1994.

The startling finding by Nicphil conservator Tessie Endriga was made after poring over reams of financial data in cooperation with Nicphil external auditor SGV.

SGV itself had to restate its 2003 and 2004 audited financial statements on the ailing insurance company because of the belated discovery of what accountants call material misrepresentations.

"Because of the way the company has been mismanaged, we could not trace exactly how the previous management (of dismissed president/CEO Emmanuel Ticzon) addressed the yearly problems on margin of solvency," Endriga said.

In addition to dismissal, the Opus Dei-dominated Nicphil board filed a number of estafa complaints against Ticzon for alleged unauthorized fund transfers; Ticzon, in his defense, claims the multimillion-peso transfers to a UK bank were part of his executive compensation.

According to the grapevine, the UK transfers went to finance the education and living expenses of the Ticzon children, who are enrolled in top British schools.

Money-go-round

• THE Manila Golf Club wants to bring in Skyline, the same concessionaire of the Manila Polo Club, to operate the club's restaurant to save on labor and retirement costs. The alternative is to keep the restaurant operations in-house, with the club members being asked to pay additional dues to keep up with increasing pension and hospitalization benefits.

• THE pre-need industry leaders are seeking a private audience with President Macapagal-Arroyo to press their opposition to the appointment of thrift banker Evangeline Escobillo as Insurance Commissioner.

Escobillo's crime: She was the author of the Agile-funded study that slammed the pre-need industry.

• THE Manila Standard Today staffers want to know if their absentee publisher, Makati Rep. Teodoro Locsin Jr., whom they only get to see in TV talk shows and the in-house ad of BusinessMirror (the new business daily of Ambassador Antonio Cabangon Chua), would ever report for work.

Heard through the grapevine

TAIPAN John Gokongwei is bringing in the Toys R Us store chain into the country in partnership with Hong Kong mega-trader Victor Fung.

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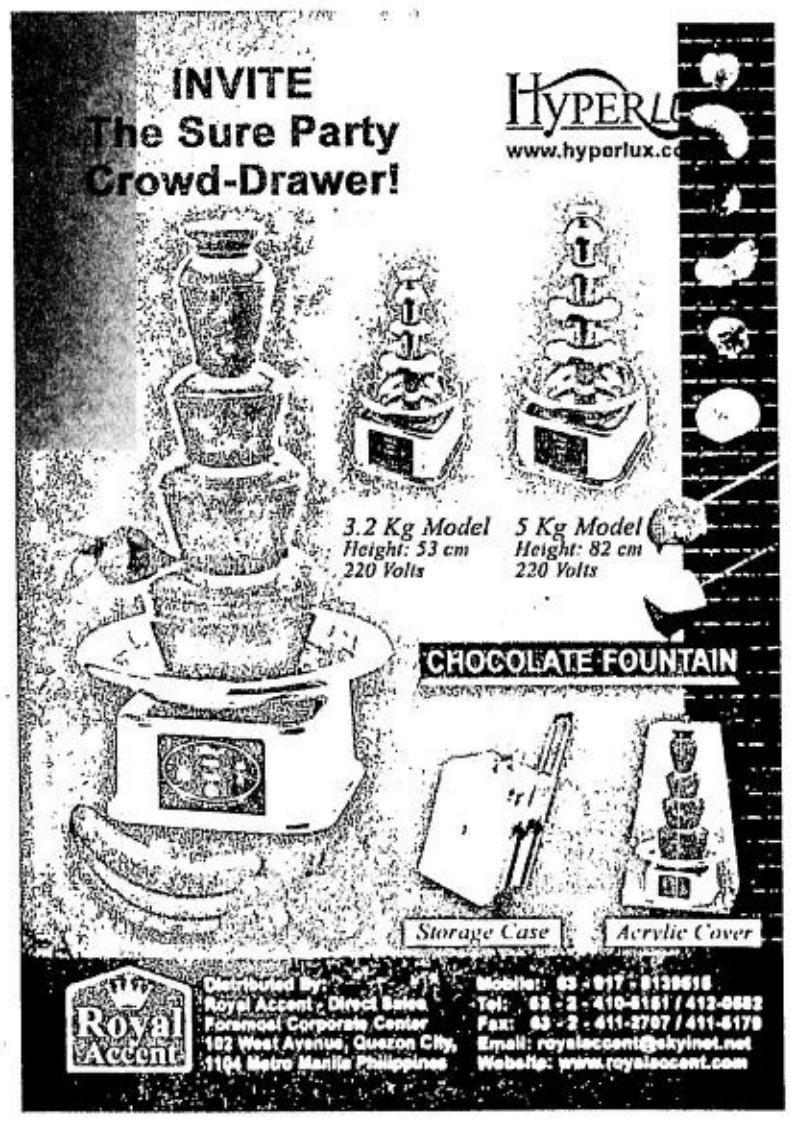

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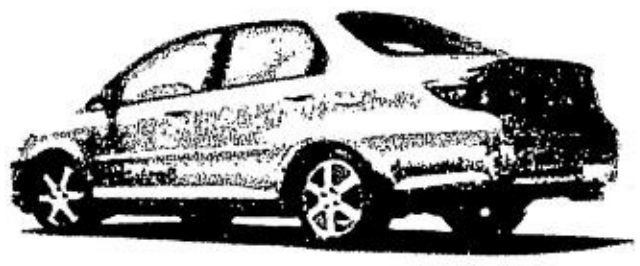

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BIR misses . . .

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stalled as the new revenue commissioner.

The BIR, which accounts for about 60 percent of the national government's revenue collection, is hard-pressed to meet its collection target to ensure the government remains on track of its fiscal goals.

Teves, who as finance secretary has a say on who will be the next commissioners of the BIR and the Bureau of Customs, earlier said he was strictly monitoring the revenue-collection performance of the two agencies. He said the ability of the BIR and the BOC to meet their targets for September, and probably the few remaining months of the year, would be a major factor in his decision.

Based on his statement, Customs officer-in-charge Alexander Arevalo also faces the threat of losing the chance to become commissioner because the BOC has so far been unable to meet its collection target.

Preliminary reports from the DOF said that for September, the BOC was P1 billion short of its P13.6-billion collection target for the month.

The DOF, however, said that despite the collection shortfalls of the BIR and the BOC, the national government was still much on track to meet its fiscal target of reducing the budget deficit to only P180 billion this year from P187 billion last year.

Active trading seen

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"Most players have already discounted earlier concerns on inflation and prospects of higher interest rates. Thus far, participants will heed for guidance on earlier resolution on the implementation of the expanded value-added tax law and earnings indication from listed firms," said Grace Cerdenia of 2Trade Asia.com.

BPI Trade said that for the week, the market closed mixed but the main stock price index ended 10.2 points or 0.53 percent higher.

"The market seemed to be consolidating as it traded in a narrow range between 1,931 and 1,956," BPI Trade wrote. *Elizabeth L. Sanchez*

Fixing Philippine agriculture

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Cielito F. Habito

BACK IN 1986, I WAS AMONG A GROUP of UP Los Baños agriculturists and economists who prepared a volume entitled "Agenda for Action in the Philippine Rural Sector," which subsequently became known as the Green Book. We produced it with the blessings of then Agriculture Secretary Sonny Dominguez to serve as the "bible" for reforming the agricultural sector under the Cory Aquino administration.

Persistent problems

What is striking about this work is that most of the problems we described then, some two decades ago, are still very much with us today. Not only have problems persisted; in some cases, things have gotten worse.

We continue to lament how small farmers get so little share of the final price of their products paid by end-consumers, while the agricultural traders and processors have continued to reap handsome benefits. We continue to lament the lack of farm-to-market roads, irrigation and post-harvest facilities, and other rural infrastructure vital to the livelihoods of our small farmers. We continue to lament how little credit is accessible to our small farmers, preventing them from improving the productivity of their farms and thereby raise their incomes. We continue to lament how woefully little is devoted to research and development (R&D) in agriculture, when the norm in most countries is about one percent of the value of the sector's output (agriculture GDP). And rightly or wrongly, we continue to blame the Department of Agriculture (DA) whenever the poor performance of the farm and fisheries sector comes to the fore.

DA's role

Whenever I would report bad performance for the agriculture sector during the Ramos administration, the primary reason would be unfavorable weather, i.e. droughts or floods. In August 1995, when rice prices hit the roof, I remember having to explain the rice shortages prevailing then as the result of crop damage due to floods in some provinces and drought in others—both happening at the same time! On the other hand, when agricultural output was good, it would then be explained mainly by favorable weather.

DA Secretary Bobot Sebastian would constantly complain at that time that Neda failed to give enough credit to his department when agricultural performance was up—but of course would not claim responsibility and be happy with blaming the weather whenever it was down. But what can DA really do to influence performance of the agriculture and fisheries sector? The more meaningful question is, what should it do?

Incomes, not output

What really should be DA's ultimate objective? Is it raising agricultural production, or is it raising farmers' incomes? I'd like to believe more people would go for the latter. Sonny Dominguez's catch phrase during his leadership of the DA in the late 80s was "Making small farmers profitable," and we believed then, as we do now, that he had it right. For what is increased production if the farmer does no get any better off as a result? Last week, we were talking about Gross National Happiness and the Bhutanese philosophy that increased happiness does not necessarily follow from increased production (GNP) or even increased income. But at least, in the small Filipino farmer's context, the latter could be more directly linked with his and his family's happiness, rather than overall agricultural production.

And yet, DA officials tell me that when they are grilled in congressional hearings, lawmakers seem to be interested mainly in production, not farm incomes. They would be taken to task for unfavorable production levels in this or that crop (depending on the dominant crop in a particular congressman's district), with little regard for the farmers' incomes or welfare. But the true test of the government's success in agriculture is whether the lives of rural farm families are uplifted, and rural poverty is brought down from its persistently high levels.

DA steers, LGUs row

The reality is, poverty continues to afflict more than 40 percent of rural Filipino families, while overall poverty incidence has already dropped below 30 percent. This means that rural dwellers—who are mostly farm families—are being left behind by their urban counterparts in getting out of poverty.

I would rely more on the local governments to address their plight, as they are the units of government closest to, and thus most familiar with the problem. I've come to believe that our farm sector will not overcome its age-old problems until we give full responsibility and accountability to local governments to uplift farms and farmers' families. DA should not insist on directly running projects on the ground, unless they transcend provincial boundaries or are of clear national scope. Direct assistance and support to farmers has already been demonstrated to be effectively provided by award-winning local governments such as Negros Oriental, Tuguegarao City, and many others. DA only needs to help the local governments do the job well, via technical guidance and standards setting, and logistical support. When things go wrong in agriculture, DA need not assume all the blame, as it currently does. DA's leadership in agriculture is best exercised in effectively steering the sector—but leave the rowing to the LGUs.

Comments are welcome at chabito@ateneo.edu

Rate increases alarm realtors

THE CHAMBER OF REAL ESTATE AND Builders Associations (Creba) has expressed alarm over the rise in interest rates in the last five months in an apparent bid by the BSP to contain inflation.

Creba said the BSP move has triggered fears in the business community that this was but a prelude to more significant interest rate increases.

In a statement, Creba chair Manuel V. Serrano said that oil prices were predicted to rise further in the coming months, with it the concomitant spikes in power and transportation costs, not to mention the lifting of the VAT suspension soon.

"Under these circumstances, a further rise in the inflation rate appears inevitable. Will the BSP then continue to upwardly adjust interest rates just to keep up with the inflation rate? It is our view that the prevailing rise in the prices of goods and services is not due to any demand-supply imbalance which an interest rate hike could cure. Rather, it is due to the continual spiral in production costs and global factors beyond the control of either the local business sector, the BSP or the government," the Creba chief said.

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LGUs to get loan from ADB

THE ASIAN DEVELOPMENT BANK IS preparing a loan package to strengthen local government units in the country.

Some LGUs have been hard pressed in delivering basic services after the national government devolved functions that are local in nature to local government units.

The move was part of government effort to ease the lingering fiscal problem, characterized by a gaping budget deficit and huge debts.

Finance Undersecretary Roberto Tan said the financing program for LGUs, expected to be implemented next year, would be part of the ADB's $2-billion country assistance program for the Philippines, covering 2005 to 2007.

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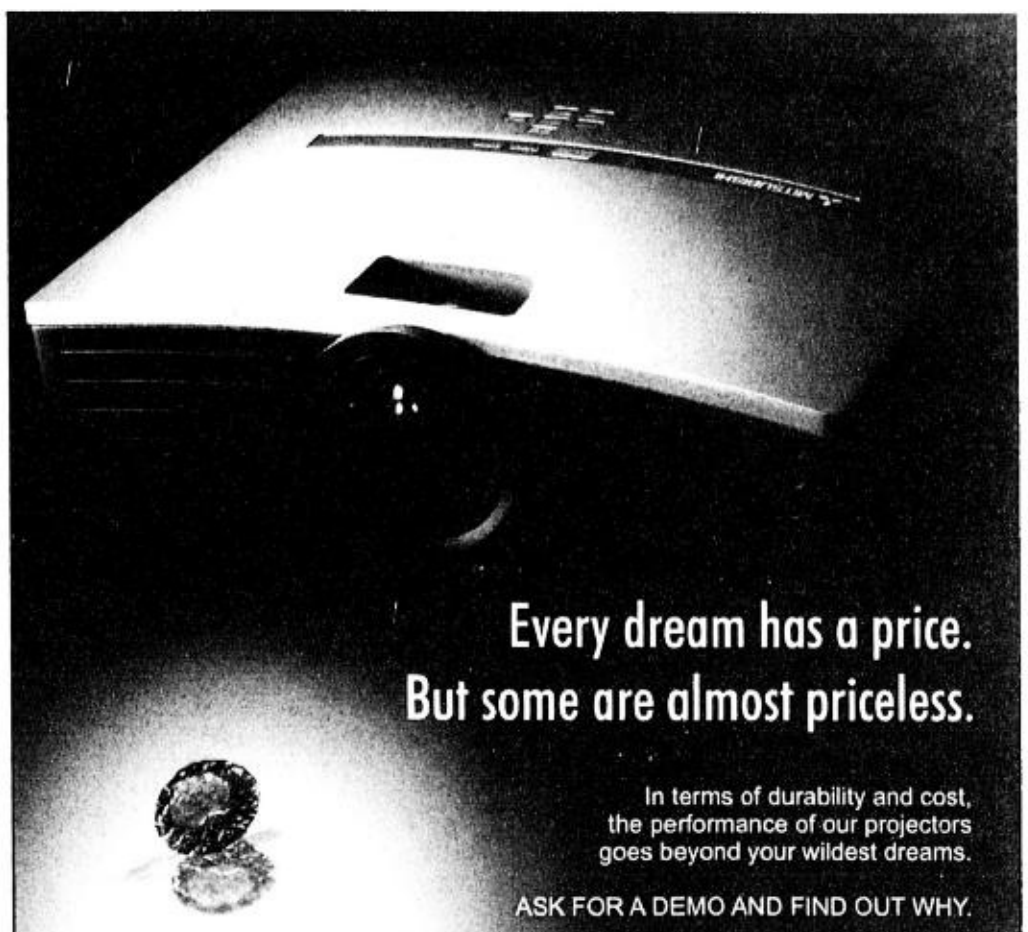

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ATI cuts . . .

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to invest under the revised program, Sevilla said about $6 million had been delivered.

ATI president Jerry Rickcord confirmed that the company had asked the PPA's blessing to revise the investment plan, but refused to elaborate.

Sevilla said the company promised to invest more by 2008 once the volume of business in South Harbor increases.

"We have to resolve the issue of the revised investment program first before we would deliberate on ATI's petition to extend the contract," said Sevilla in an interview.

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Various plastic storage solutions (archival quality, collapsible, stackable) storage boxes; Insulated plastic coolers and jugs, bakeware

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Retractable syringes & scalpels; splint system for fingers & wrists; pain management products & accessories; surgical accessories

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Acrylic bath tubs, spa (jacuzzi) baths; shower screens

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Wrinkle cream; Uneven pigmentation creams; Mud & clay products; Microdermabrasion cream; Acne & pigmentation cream, Vitamin C serum

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ASK THE Pro

I'm only 34 years old and I am experiencing hair loss. Is it possible to treat it?
Jerry Lalic

It's a good thing that nowadays, a lot of men like you can face your hair loss problem. Hair loss has a lot of causes which can be medically explained. But the most common form of pattern baldness worldwide (see... you're not alone) is called MPHL or male pattern hair loss. Its fancy scientific name is androgenetic alopecia. It affects around 50% of men by age 40. Current studies suggest the prevalence of MPHL can reach up to 87% [1].

Research has shown that MPHL is related to the increased levels of DHT (dihydrotestosterone) in the scalp [1]. If you reduce the amount of DHT in the scalp, you can prevent hair loss from continuing. In some men, hair can even be regrown[1].

Good news for men, there are now medicines that have an established mechanism of action in treating MPHL. See your dermatologist about your condition and the easiest and most convenient way to treat it.

Take control of your problem. You don't have to be bald. Be bold and face the world with confidence.

you can reverse male pattern hair loss[1]

Ask your doctor about MPHL. For information on the ProHAIR Program, call hotline number 878-6338. You can send inquiries to fax no. 813-1172 or email: inquire@prohair-info.com.

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[1]Libecco JF. Expert Opin Pharmacother 2004; 5 (4): 933-940.

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Quezon City - F. Bonamy Enterprises, Fairview; Sanrico Merchantile, Fairview; Road 20 Const. Supply, Proj. 8; V & W Trading, Novaliches; A.R. Vitug Trading, San Bartolome; Ramos Hardware & Const. Supply, Kaligayahan; Maligaya Hardware & Gen Mdse, Novaliches; Ivan Trading, Batasan Hills;

Caloocan City - P.E. Policarpio Const. Supply, Bagong Silang; R.V. Singlao Const. Supply, Maligaya Park; Sarile Hardware, Bagumbong; Rey-Mar Gen Mdse, Bagumbong; Excellent Lumber & Const., Camarin; Vanguard Hardware & Const. Supply, Camarin; Sun Lasting Trading, Bagumbong; A.R. Vitug Trading Inc., Hillcrest; Pangarap Trading, Mountain Heights; VI-Will Trading, Hillcrest; RC Bautista Builders, Malaria;

Manila - Vasquez Gravel & Sand, Quiapo;

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LAFARGE

JG Summit, URC to sell RLC shares

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

MAJOR SHAREHOLDERS OF ROBINSONS Land Corp. (RLC) may sell a portion of their combined 90-percent stake in the hotel and subdivision developer to increase shares traded in the stock market.

RLC president Lance Y. Gokongwei told the INQUIRER that the plan, which is still under study by the company's financial adviser, would increase the public float of RLC shares from the current 10 percent.

Gokongwei said JG Summit Holdings Inc., the flagship company of taipan John Gokongwei Jr., food and beverage unit Universal Robina Corp. and other affiliates, hold roughly 90 percent of RLC.

To evaluate its selling options, RLC has appointed Macquarie Securities (Asia) Pte. Ltd. as financial adviser.

Asked whether shareholders would use the proceeds to fund the group's takeover of Singapore-based real estate firm United Industrial Corp. Ltd. (UIC), Gokongwei said the two were "independent" transactions.

Separately, RLC also disclosed it was raising its dividends to shareholders to 60 percent of the company's consolidated net income from the current 30 percent.

G & W Golf Shares Inc.
FREE PLAYING RIGHTS AVAILABLE As of October 10, 2005

CLUB	SHARES AVAILABLE SELLER	BUYER
Alabang Country Club A/B*	1,100,000/1,250,000*	1,000,000
Alta Vista Corp.	-	200,000
Baguio Country Club	550,000	-
Calatagan Golf	40,000	-
Camp John Hay	170,000	-
Canlubang Golf	-	450,000
Canyon Woods	120,000	-
Capitol Hills	80,000	-
Cebu Country Club	1,500,000	-
Celebrity Sports	120,000	100,000
City Sports Club Cebu	400,000	-
Club Filipino	Pls. Call	80,000
Eagleridge A/B*/C**	190,000/Pls. Call**	150,000/250,000*
Eastridge A/B*	Pls. Call	-
Evercrest	65,000	-
Forest Hills A/B*/C**	110,000/200,000*	-
Luisita Golf	350,000	-
Manila Golf Corporate	Pls. Call	11,300,000
Manila Golf Individual	Pls. Call	-
Manila Polo	2,150,000	-
Manila Southwoods A/B*	350,000	360,000/650,000*
Makati Sports Club	-	160,000
Manila Yacht Club Ind.	400,000	-
Metropolitan Club A/B*	120,000/150,000*	-
Mimosa C2/C3*	Pls. Call	Pls. Call
Mt. Malarayat A	200,000	-
Orchard A/B*/C**	170,000/Pls. Call*	160,000/350,000**
Puerto Azul	Pls. Call	-
Punta Fuego	Pls. Call	-
Quezon City Sports Club	160,000	130,000
Riviera Golf A/B*/C**	90,000/180,000*/250,000**	120,000*
Rockwell Leisure Club	Pls. Call	-
Royale Tagaytay CC	80,000	-
Sherwood A/C*	70,000/150,000**	-
Spa & Lodge	550,000	-
Sta. Elena Golf A/B*	Pls. Call	1,100,000/1,600,000*
Subic Golf	Pls. Call	-
Subic Yacht Club	Pls. Call	-
The Palms Country Club	Pls. Call	-
Tagaytay Country Club	Pls. Call	-
Tagaytay Highlands	700,000	650,000
Tagaytay Midlands	Pls. Call	650,000
The Country Club	2,000,000	-
Tower Club	Pls. Call	-
Valley Golf	200,000	-
Valle Verde Ind.	120,000	-
Wack Wack Golf	6,400,000	-

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ALABANG B	1.15M	RIVIERA GCC A	165K
BAGUIO CC	Call Now	ROCKWELL	380K
CELEB SPORTS	150K	S'WOODS B	700K
CC @ TAG	360K	SUBICBAYYACHT	120K
LUISITA GOLF	Call Now	TAG MIDLANDS	650K
MLA POLO	Call Now	TAG HLANDS	730K
MLA YACHT	250K	VALLEY GOLF	Call Now
PALMS CC	560K	WACK WACK	6.3M

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ALABANG CC	20,000	STA. ELENA A	50,000
CC @ TAGAYTAY	20,000	TAGAYTAY HIGHLANDS	35,000
CANLUBANG	50,000	TAGAYTAY MIDLANDS	30,000
RIVIERA GCC	10,000	WACK WACK	90,000

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BUYING: Sta. ElenaA-1.2M, B-1.5M, Tag. Highlands Golf-P600K, Midlands-P600K
SELLING: Southwoods B-700K, Tagaytay Highlands-P750K, Baguio-P545K, SPA & Lodge-P580K

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GG & A Club Shares
SEC License Broker #007575 * As of October 10, 2005

CLUB	SELLER	BUYER
Alabang Country Club "A" (Filipino)	1,100,000	-
Alabang Country Club "B" (Foreigner)	-	1,100,000
Baguio Country Club	550,000	510,000
Calatagan Golf Club "A"	40,000	-
Calatagan Golf Club "B"	-	50,000
Camp John Hay	170,000	-
Canlubang	500,000	400,000
Canyon Woods	130,000	-
Capitol Hills	80,000	-
Cebu Country Club	-	1,300,000
Celebrity Sports Club	120,000	-
Club Filipino	140,000	90,000
Eaglerdge "A"/"B"/"C"	Please Call	-
Forest Hills "A"	110,000	90,000
Forest Hills "B"	Please Call	-
Forest Hills "C"	200,000	-
Luisita Golf "A"	350,000	-
Makati Sports Club "A"	220,000	165,000
Makati Sports Club "B"	250,000	-
Manila Golf (Corporate)	-	11,300,000
Manila Golf (Individual)	-	11,000,000
Manila Polo	2,175,000	2,100,000
Manila Southwoods "A"	350,000	300,000
Manila Southwoods "B"	-	600,000
Manila Yacht Club	300,000	-
Metroclub "A"	120,000	80,000
Mimosa (Corporate)	500,000	430,000
Mt. Malarayat Gold "A"	250,000	180,000
Mt. Malarayat Gold "C"	350,000	-
Orchard Golf Club "A"	170,000	-
Orchard Golf Club "B"	-	250,000
Orchard Golf Club "C"	450,000	-
Quezon City Sports Club	160,000	130,000
Rockwell	Please Call	-
Spa & Lodge	580,000	500,000
Sta. Elena "A"	1,300,000	1,100,000
Sta. Elena "B"	-	1,600,000
Subic Bay Yacht (Corporate)	170,000	-
Subic Bay Yacht (Individual)	100,000	-
Tagaytay Country Club	360,000	300,000
Tagaytay Highlands	700,000	650,000
Tagaytay Midlands	650,000	600,000
The Palms Country Club	Please Call	-
Valle Verde (Individual)	120,000	-
Valle Verde (Corporate)	200,000	-
Valley Golf	200,000	-
Wack-Wack Golf Club	6,500,000	6,000,000

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ANVAYA COVE BEACH AND NATURE CLUB — Cash 30 as of Aug 23, 2005

Class B (Ind / Corp) [Local & Foreign]	460,000
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SYNOPSIS OF ANNUAL STATEMENT
AS OF DECEMBER 31, 2003

ADMITTED ASSETS	DECEMBER 31, 2003
Bonds	P 77,167,346.72
Stocks	86,008,430.55
Real Estate	390,069,328.07
Mortgage Loans	32,143,524.00
Policy Loans	83,178,576.91
Other Loans	2,400,833.00
Security Fund	31,771.00
Other Investments	1,225,000.00
Cash on Hand and in Banks	247,074,873.01
Net Life Insurance Premiums and Annuity Considerations Due and Uncollected	54,436,479.87
Receivable from Life Insurance Pools	206,844.00
Investment Income Due and Accrued	9,610,166.72
EDP Equipment	2,425,441.32
Other Assets	10,146,303.41
Total Admitted Assets	P 996,124,920.58

LIABILITIES	
Aggregate Reserve for Life Policies and Contracts	P 468,100,381.11
Aggregate Reserve for Accident and Health Policies	416,280.00
Supplementary Contract Without Life Contingencies	2,536,646.93
Policy and Contract Claims	16,333,604.67
Policyholders' Dividends and Experience Refunds Due and Unpaid	30,159,154.30
Amount Due to Accepting Companies	2,317,374.10
Accrued Expenses	2,150,218.89
Unearned Investment Income	10,285.67
Taxes Payable	4,705,433.98
Accounts Payable	6,475,840.50
Other Liabilities	101,199,568.85
Total Liabilities	P 634,404,989.00

STOCKHOLDERS' EQUITY	
Capital Stock Paid-Up	P 70,000,000.00
Contributed Surplus	9,353,700.00
Contingency Surplus	67,003,977.87
Fluctuation Reserve - Foreign Exchange	1,144,306.72
Fluctuation Reserve - Stocks	1,717,924.80
Fluctuation Reserve - Real Estate	228,710,254.29
Retained Earnings	(16,210,232.10)
Total Stockholders' Equity	P 361,719,931.58

(The synopsis, prepared from the 2003 Annual Statement, approved by the Insurance Commissioner published pursuant to Section 225 of the Insurance Code)

New rates saved firms ₱754M

By Abigail L. Ho

MORE THAN 150 customers of the National Power Corp. cut their electricity costs by P754 million from November 2004 to August 2005 due to the state firm's time-of-use (TOU) charging scheme.

According to Napocor documents submitted to the Energy Regulatory Commission, 157 firms saved P219 million from the TOU scheme in August alone.

Realizing the biggest savings in August were Angeles Electric Co. at 63.77 centavos per kilowatt-hour (kWh), Tipco Estates Corp. at 39.41 centavos per kWh, Manila Electric Co. at 36.94 centavos per kWh, Davao Light and Power Co. Inc. at 10.69 centavos per kWh, and Visayan Electric Co. Inc. at 8.31 centavos per kWh.

The TOU scheme provides Napocor customers with flexible power rates that are lowest during off-peak hours, or between 10 p.m. and 7 a.m., and highest during peak hours, or from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. and from 6 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Sundays and holidays are also considered off-peak periods.

PHILIPPINE STOCK EXCHANGE

(As of October 7, 2005)

STOCKS	OPEN	HIGH	LOW	CLOSE	VOLUME
BANKS & FINANCIAL SERVICES					
BANKS					
Banco de Oro Univ. Bank	30.5	31	30.5	31	462,300
Bank of the Phil. Islands	53.5	53.5	53	53.5	1,148,800
China Banking Corp.	620	620	620	620	720
Citystate Savings Bank	17.5	17.5	17.5	17.5	500
Export and Ind. Bank Inc.	0.55	0.55	0.55	0.55	70,000
Equitable PCI Bank Inc.	48.5	48.5	48.5	48.5	6,200
Metropolitan Bank & Trust	27.5	27.5	27	27.5	311,700
Philippine National Bank	31	31	31	31	500
Phil. Savings Bank	34	34	34	34	3,200
Rizal Comm. Banking Corp.	15	15	14.75	15	99,500
Security Bank Corp.	29.5	29.5	29	29	90,700
Union Bank of the Phil.	29	29	29	29	400
FINANCIAL SERVICES					
ATR Kim Eng Fin. Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	6,000
First Metro Invest. Corp.	26.5	26.5	26.5	26.5	1,000
Manulife Financial Corp.	2860	2860	2860	2860	90
Sun Life Financial Inc.	2020	2020	2020	2020	370
COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL					
COMMUNICATION					
ABS-CBN Broadcasting Corp.	14	14	14	14	7,200
Digital Telecom Phils Inc.	0.93	0.95	0.93	0.94	590,000
Globe Telecom Inc.	725	735	725	730	21,920
ISM Communications Corp.	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.05	300,000
Pilipino Tel. Corp.	2.95	2.95	2.9	2.95	523,000
Phil. Long Dis Tel Co.	1660	1665	1660	1660	87,350
POWER, ENERGY & OTHER UTILITIES					
Manila Electric Co. A	14	14	13.75	13.75	24,300
Manila Electric Co. B	21	21	20.5	20.75	431,500
Manila Water Co. Inc.	6.4	6.4	6.4	6.4	2,695,000
Petron Corp.	3.25	3.3	3.25	3.3	2,751,000
Trans-Asia Oil and Energy	0.98	1	0.96	1	90,000
TRANSPORTATION SERVICES					
Abolitz Trans. Sys. Corp.	1.7	1.7	1.7	1.7	500,000
Int'l Container Term'l Sv	9.1	9.1	9.1	9.1	126,000
Lorenzo Shipping Corp.	1.22	1.22	1.02	1.22	126,000
CONSTRUCTION & OTHER RELATED PRODUCTS					
Engineering Equip. Inc.	0.53	0.53	0.52	0.52	200,000
Holcim Philippines Inc.	2.8	2.8	2.8	2.8	40,000
Republic Glass Hldg. Corp.	1.72	1.72	1.72	1.72	4,000
FOOD, BEVERAGES & TOBACCO					
Alaska Milk Corp.	3.5	3.5	3.45	3.45	110,000
Ginebra San Miguel Inc.	30	30	30	30	400
Jollibee Foods Corp.	38	38	36.5	36.5	91,200
Swift Food Inc.	0.25	0.25	0.25	0.25	100,000
San Miguel Corp. A	64.5	65.5	64.5	65.5	93,300
San Miguel Corp. B	89	92	88.5	91.5	106,100
Universal Robina Corp.	17	17	17	17	200
Vitarich Corp.	0.28	0.28	0.28	0.28	650,000
HOLDING FIRMS					
Abacus Con Res & Hdg A	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	0.0065	5,000,000
Ayala Corp.	292.5	292.5	290	292.5	121,360
Aboitiz Equity Ventures	4.95	4.95	4.95	4.95	50,000
A. Soriano Corp.	2.04	2.08	2.04	2.08	32,000
Anglo Phil Holdings Corp.	0.71	0.71	0.71	0.71	170,000
Bacnotan Cons Indus Inc.	9.4	9.5	9.4	9.5	25,000
Boulevard Holdings Inc.	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	100,000
Benpres Holdings Corp.	1	1.02	1	1.02	3,950,000
Southeast Asian Cement	0.24	0.245	0.24	0.245	330,000
DMCI Holdings Inc.	3.05	3.1	3.05	3.05	1,480,000
Ever-Gotesco Resources	0.024	0.024	0.024	0.024	1,400,000
Fil-Hispano Holdings Corp.	4.9	5	4.9	4.95	379,000
First Phil Hldgs Corp.	41.5	42.5	41.5	42.5	545,600
Global Equities Inc.	0.065	0.065	0.0625	0.0625	1,500,000
House Of Investments Inc.	0.81	0.81	0.81	0.81	50,000
Macroasia Corp.	1.76	1.76	1.76	1.76	10,000
Megaworld Corp.	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1,310,000
Multitech Inv. Corp.	0.29	0.29	0.29	0.29	40,000
Metro Pacific Corp.	0.31	0.31	0.31	0.31	450,000
Prime Orion Phils. Inc.	0.21	0.21	0.2	0.205	130,000
Prime Media Holdings Inc.	1	1.16	1	1.16	427,000
East Asia Power Res. Corp.	0.23	0.23	0.23	0.23	100,000
Roxas Holdings Inc.	1.18	1.2	1.18	1.18	93,000
Solid Group Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	380,000
SM Investments Corp.	218	220	218	219	420,250
Unioil Res. & Holdings Co	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	300,000
Uniwide Holdings Inc.	0.14	0.14	0.14	0.14	10,000
Wellex Industries Inc.	0.125	0.125	0.125	0.125	100,000
MANUFACTURING, DISTRIBUTION & TRADING					
Music Semiconductors Corp.	1.24	1.24	1.18	1.18	100,000
Picop Resources Inc.	0.0775	0.0775	0.0775	0.0775	200,000
HOTEL, RECREATION & OTHER SERVICES					
Belle Corp.	0.89	0.9	0.89	0.9	1,100,000
Fairmont Holdings Inc.	0.7	0.7	0.67	0.7	230,000
Leisure & Resorts Corp.	1.46	1.46	1.44	1.46	137,000
Premiere Ent. Prod. Inc.	0.3	0.3	0.3	0.3	100,000
BONDS, PREFERRED & WARRANTS					
ABS-CBN Hldgs. Corp. (PDR)	14	14.25	14	14.25	69,000
PLDT (10% Pref) Series X	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,300
PLDT 10% Pref Series AA	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,700
PLDT 10% Pref Series BB	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,400
PLDT 10% Pref Series CC	10.5	10.5	10.5	10.5	1,100
OTHERS					
Centro Escolar University	9	9	9	9	37,000
PROPERTY					
Ayala Land Inc.	8.4	8.7	8.4	8.6	22,757,000
Cebu Holdings Inc.	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	100,000
C & P Homes Inc.	0.18	0.18	0.175	0.18	10,850,000
Empire East Land Inc.	0.37	0.37	0.37	0.37	3,970,000
Filinvest Land Inc.	1.32	1.32	1.28	1.28	4,086,000
Kuok Phil. Properties	0.185	0.19	0.185	0.185	320,000
Fil-Estate Land Inc.	0.46	0.46	0.46	0.46	580,000
Phil Realty and Holdings	0.155	0.155	0.155	0.155	40,000
SM Development Corp.	1.38	1.38	1.38	1.38	8,000
SM Prime Holdings Inc.	7.4	7.4	7.3	7.3	5,584,000
MINING					
Apex Mining Co. Inc. A	0.94	0.94	0.93	0.93	90,000
Apex Mining Co. Inc. B	0.92	0.92	0.92	0.92	90,000
Abra Mining & Industrial	0.007	0.007	0.007	0.007	12,000,000
Atlas Cons. Min & Dev't	5.6	5.6	5.5	5.5	79,000
Lepanto Cons Mng. Co. A	0.23	0.23	0.22	0.22	6,790,000
Lepanto Cons. Mng. Co. B	0.26	0.26	0.245	0.25	25,480,000
Manila Mining Corp. A	0.016	0.016	0.016	0.016	72,700,000
Manila Mining Corp. B	0.023	0.023	0.023	0.023	4,000,000
Omico Corp.	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	0.0055	36,000,000
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QUESTIONS OF POLICIES

Honesto C. General

THOSE WHO ARE bent on rewriting the Constitution should take a look at how the insurance industry cherishes the basic wordings of insurance policies.

The 1935 Constitution, designed by Manuel Quezon, has been extensively rewritten twice. In 1973, in order to keep his dictatorial powers, Ferdinand Marcos called a convention that established a rubber stamp parliament. After the people power revolution that threw out Marcos, Corazon Aquino set up a commission that wrote the existing Constitution, which was overwhelmingly approved by the Filipino people in 1987. We are the only nation that has mangled the Constitution twice in a lifetime.

Now, there is a strong push for yet another new constitution. If the proponents have their way, it will be a constitution the world has never seen before, and may never see again.

The Philippines will be chopped into 12 independent states, and stitched back together again as a federation. Each regional state will be governed by a parliament. In Metro Manila will sit the big parliament to govern the nation. The Philippines, as we know it now, will disappear from the world map.

The insurance industry hardly monkeys around with the basic wordings of insurance policies. In the intense heat of fierce competition, prices change and new clauses may be added, but the basic framework of the policy remains unchanged over decades, if not centuries.

For example, the life insurance policy used by all companies today was copied from the California code in the early 1920s. A buyer can choose from dozens of different products, but the provisions on contestability, beneficiary, non-forfeiture, to mention only three, have remained untouched.

Except for a few minor revisions about 25 years ago, the terms and conditions of the fire insurance policy have remained unchanged since it was copied from the California code also in the 1920s. The policy is used no matter what might be the subject matter of insurance.

The grandfather of all policies is the marine insurance policy that is used to cover shipments of cargo by transoceanic vessels. Originally written in London in quaint medieval English about 300 hundred years ago, it is still in worldwide use to this day.

There are two reasons why the insurance industry sticks to the old wordings of the policies. First, an insurance company uses the past to chart its future. This is especially true in life insurance. The bedrock of life insurance operations is the mortality table. Going over government records of births and deaths, actuaries established at what rates people had died. The rate of mortality is the basis for premiums. In effect, the actuary assumes that people will die in the future at the same rate as in the past. Without the past, a life insurance company has no future.

The second reason, and this is more important than the first, is that, over the years, the courts have interpreted every word and every punctuation mark of the policy. To discard the wordings would be to throw away all the jurisprudence.

In the case of the marine insurance policy, the interpretation of the courts in London and by the House of Lords has been accepted worldwide.

The best way to amend our Constitution is to do it piecemeal. If there are too many new provisions, we might witness again such silly arguments over the meaning of the word "proceeding."

As a professional used to the ways of the insurance industry in the making of contracts, I shudder at the thought that the Constitution will be mangled again. If we turn our backs on the past, we will have no future. Our future must be anchored on the past.

C. Luzon road project gets boost

MEMBERS OF THE CENTRAL LUZON CAUCUS of the House of Representatives have expressed support for the 93.7-kilometer expressway project that will connect Subic, Clark and Tarlac, saying this will further enhance the economic growth of Central Luzon.

A manifesto of support signed by 14 congressmen from Central Luzon stressed that the Subic-Clark-Tarlac Expressway was a vital infrastructure project included in President Macapagal Arroyo's 10-point agenda.

The solons added that the bidding process for the project "was conducted in full compliance with the guidelines for Official Development Assistance of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation."

The BCDA, through negotiations with the contractors, was able to bring down the cost of the project to P20.9 billion, or lower than the P21 billion approved by the National Economic Development Authority-Investment Coordinating Committee.

The caucus noted that the completion of the expressway was seen to result in unprecedented levels of employment generation and economic activity.

The road project is targeted for completion by 2007.

Among the lawmakers who signed the manifesto of support are Tarlac Representatives Jesli Lapus and Rey B. Aquino, Francis Nepomuceno and Anna York Bondoc of Pampanga, and Wilhelmino Sy-Alvarado, Pedro Pancho, and Reylina G. Nicolas of Bulacan.

Nueva Ecija solons Josefina M. Joson, Eleuterio R. Violago, Oyie Umali and Rodolfo W. Antonino also indicated their support. So did Albert Garcia of Bataan, Milagros Magsaysay of Zambales and Eduardo V. Roquero of the lone district City of San Jose del Monte, Bulacan.

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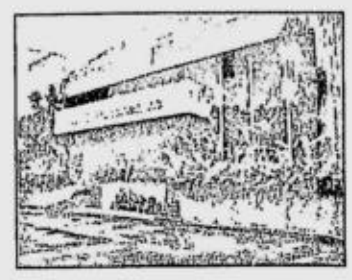

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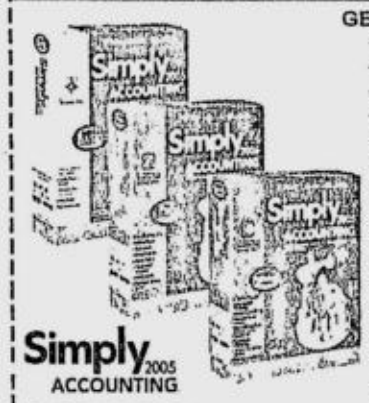

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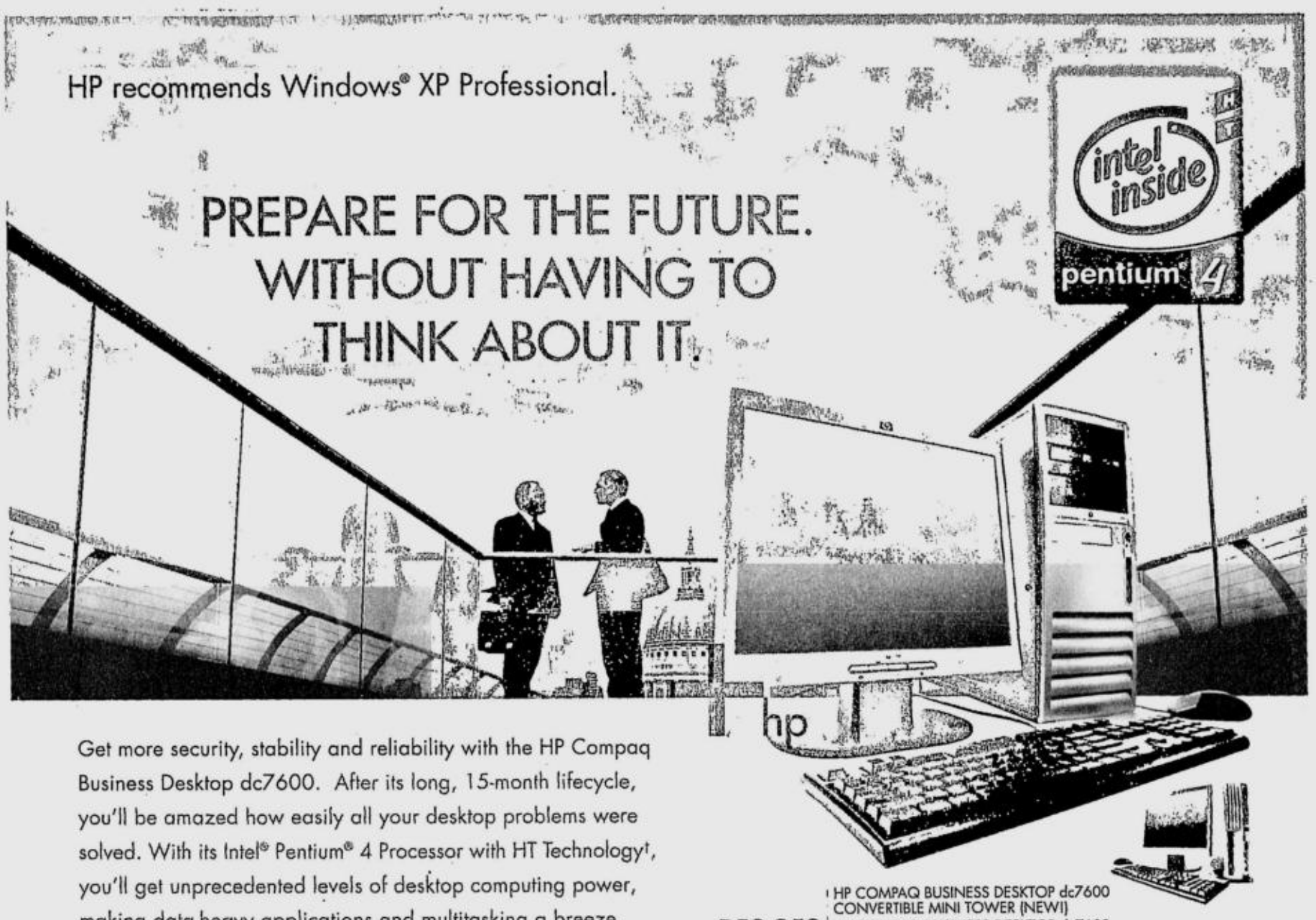

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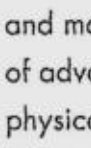

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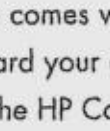

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Gov't to tap more ODAs next year

By Michelle V. Remo

THE NATIONAL GOVERNMENT plans to reduce its foreign commercial borrowings next year and tap more official development assistance (ODA), Finance Undersecretary Roberto Tan said.

Tan said this was a way of saving on cost of borrowings.

Interest rates on ODAs are 500 to 600 basis points lower than those on commercial loans. ODAs are funds lent by multilateral and bilateral agencies such as the World Bank, the Asian Development Bank and the Japan Bank for International Cooperation.

While ODAs have lower rates, they are usually tied to specific programs or projects that are approved by the lenders and, thus, cannot be used to finance expenditures outside the intended programs.

For 2005, the government set a foreign borrowing program of $4 billion (about P220 billion). Of the amount, $3.1 billion was obtained from commercial lenders and investors, while the remaining $900 million came in the form of ODAs:

Data from the Department of Finance showed that for 2006, the national government was planning to borrow P221.4 billion from foreign sources. Tan said the DOF had yet to work on the borrowing mix but added that ODA borrowings might be higher than in 2005.

DMCI vying for Calaca

By Elizabeth L. Sanchez

CONSTRUCTION firm DMCI holdings Inc. is set to bid for the government's 600-megawatt coal-fired power plant in Calaca, Batangas, sources told INQUIRER.

The plant, according to sources, is slated for bidding on the third week of October.

DMCI's coal producing unit, Semirara Mining Corp., supplies coal to the Calaca but the power plant imports the bulk of its coal requirements.

Semirara has an existing contract with National Power Corp. to supply coal to the Calaca plant until 2010.

The DMCI Group projects that 52 percent of its total coal volume this year will go to Napocor-run power plants. Last year, Napocor plants accounted for 57 percent of Semirara's coal volumes.

To power its bid, the DMCI Group has P900 million in cash from the sale of Semirara shares. The group can also easily secure new funding through loans since it is now debt-free, sources said.

The Power Sector Assets and Liabilities Management Corp. (PSALM), the agency tasked to sell the facilities of Napocor, will conduct a second round of bidding for the Calaca coal-fired thermal power plant.

The Calaca power facility was first offered to prospective investors last June.

But without a transition supply contract to ensure a ready market for its electricity, two out of three prospective bidders pulled out, forcing PSALM to cancel the bidding.

Interested bidders were supposed to complete their due diligence audits of the Calaca plant last Friday, Oct. 7.

Insurance ...

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sold up to P2.5 billion worth of CTPL policies each year, based on the number of cars registered with the Land Transportation Office.

Of this amount, up to P500 million should go to the government's coffers each year in the form of taxes.

Despite this, the senator pointed out that only P1.38 billion in premiums were booked by the insurance industry—a gap of P1.12 billion which the lawmaker believed went directly to the pockets of the insurance firms.

"Where did the rest go?," Enrile said. "My brutally frank but nonetheless factual assessment is this: The non-life insurance industry of the country today has, over the years, deteriorated into one of the most corrupt sectors of business in the entire nation."

'Better connections'

Santos says it is exactly this kind of illegal activity which he wants to eliminate through his proposed reforms.

During his watch, he says insurance regulators compiled a watch list of firms which have consistently failed to meet regulatory standards, with an eye on closing them down once they are caught breaking the rules.

Santos says many of these firms are chronic violators of insurance regulators even before his stint at the Insurance Commission.

"The problem is that the rules were never enforced before," he says. "The commission was too lenient or they were given reasons not to [enforce the rules]."

To his dismay, however, Santos' hard-line stance against recalcitrant insurance firms pit him against opponents who had better political connections than him.

The reforms were backed squarely by former finance chiefs like Juanita D. Amatong and Cesar V. Purisima, but the new finance department leadership had different ideas. By August, rumors were flying that Santos was on his way out.

Last week, Teves fired him through a letter thanking him for his services.

"He is gutless and spineless," Santos said in a fit of anger. "He didn't even have the courtesy to tell me in person."

Santos' eventual replacement at the powerful regulatory agency, banker and actuary Evangeline C. Escobillo, also has reformist leanings. She has been at the forefront of the drive to reform the beleaguered pre-need industry.

Strangely, Teves' marching orders to Escobillo, while still centered on reform, includes a subtle twist.

"I'd like Vangie [Escobillo] to take a close look at the reforms," Teves said. "What's important is for her to coordinate closely with the stakeholders, and take a look at the timing [of the reforms]."

In a separate interview, Escobillo interprets Teves' instructions to mean that she should initiate dialogue with recalcitrant—and politically connected—insurers, instead of trying to run over them roughshod the way Santos did. *(To be continued)*

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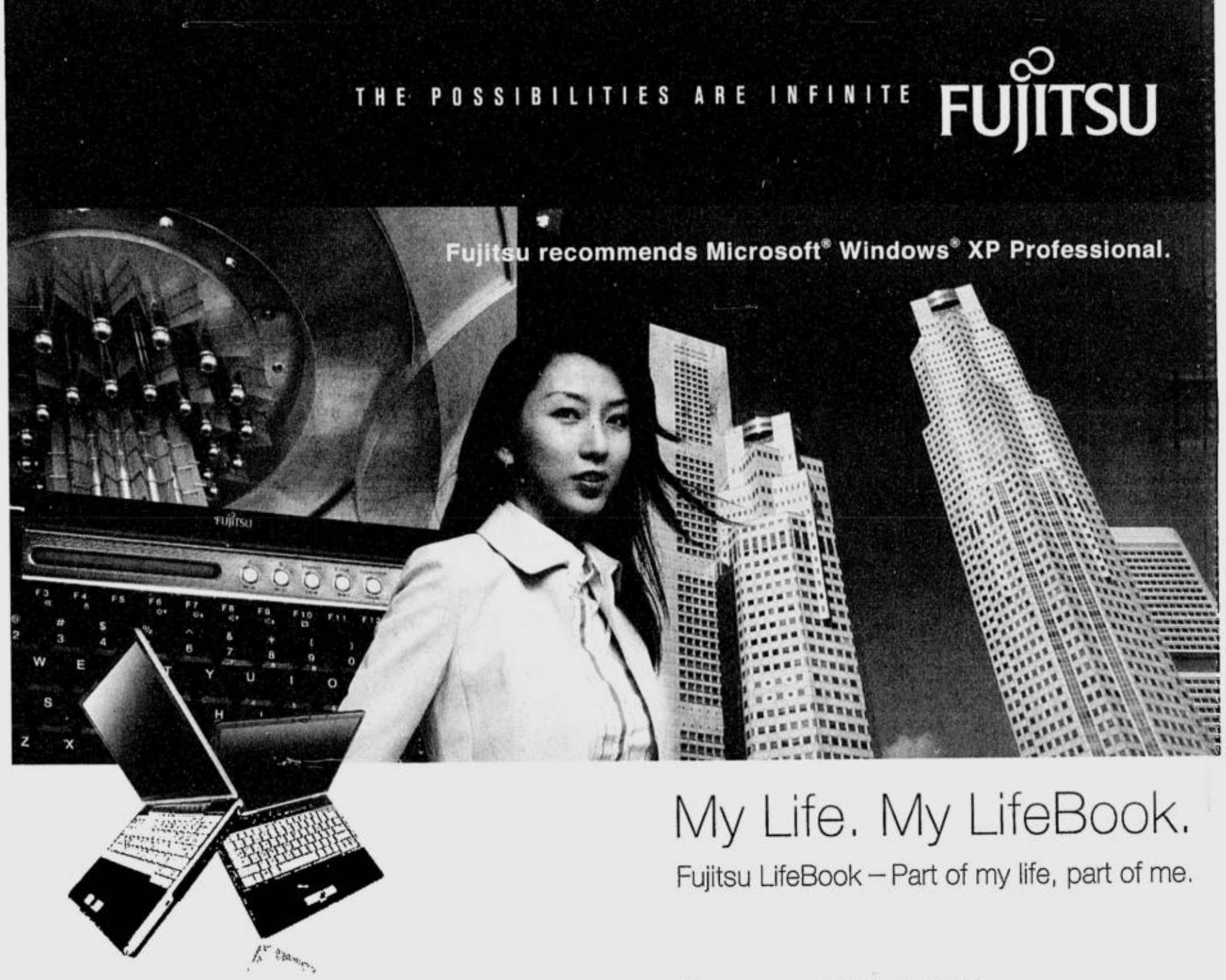

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3rd Australian Film Festival at SM Cinema

FILM ENTHUSIASTS CAN LOOK FORWARD to a showcase of critically acclaimed films from Down Under as the Australian Embassy and The Podium, in cooperation with SM Cinemas and Smart Communications, present the 3rd Australian Film Festival from Oct. 7 to 12.

The festival will showcase 15 groundbreaking feature films and shorts that will give Filipinos a glimpse of Australian filmmaking excellence. These choice films evolve around a wide spectrum of themes-from socially relevant issues to comedies on love and relationships.

Australian Ambassador Tony Hely officially unreeled the film festival at The Podium on Oct. 6, with an invitational screening of the award-winning film "Swimming Upstream".

Based on Anthony Fingleton's novel, the film tells the compelling and inspirational story of a young man from a troubled family who finds the inner strength to become a champion. Jesse Spencer plays the central character, Tony, who beats the odds to become a champion swimmer in spite of an overbearing alcoholic father (played by award-winning Geoffrey Rush) and a quietly heroic mother (played by Judy Davis). Overshadowed in his father's eyes by his brothers (David Hoflin and Tim Draxl), it is only when Tony displays an extraordinary talent for swimming that he gets a shot at winning his father's heart, and maybe an Olympic gold.

Directed by Golden Globe nominee Russel Mulcahy ("Highlander"), "Swimming Upstream" has won three Film Critics Circle of Australia awards for best editing, best screenplay, and best female supporting actor for Judy Davis.

Two of the most popular Australian actors topbill other films. These include Oscar winner Russell Crowe for "The Sum of Us", and Heath Ledger, who stars in "Ned Kelly" along with Orlando Bloom.

Other must-see films in the festival include "Floating Life", "Siam Sunset", "My Mother Frank", "The Man Who Sued God", "Getting Square", "Thunderstruck", and "The Rage in Placid Lake."

The 3rd Australian Film Festival's regular run is ongoing until Oct. 12 at the SM Megamall Cinema. It will also be screened at SM City Cebu Cinema 1 on Oct. 12 and 13. Admission is free and on a first-come-first-served basis.

The 3rd Australian Film Festival is presented by the Australian Embassy, in partnership with The Podium, SM Cinemas, Smart Communications, and the Australian Film Commission. Other sponsors include Gerry's Grill, Wine Depot, the Lifestyle Network, Wave 89.1 and Jam 88.3.

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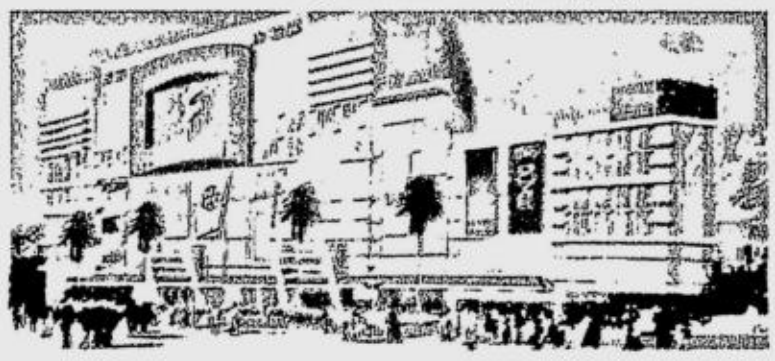
CONTRACTS ARE A WAY OF LIFE (de rigeur), especially when dealing with a major institution like the government of a country. There are many, sometimes convoluted, steps to getting to a signed contract, but one cannot always sit on one's laurels after obtaining it.

Learn how to deal with the intricacies of handling government contracts at the seminar, "Business Essentials in Government Contracts." This one-day event, organized by the Center for Global Best Practices, will be held on Friday, Oct. 14, at the Makati Shangri-la Hotel from 8 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. Principal lecturer will be lawyer Jose A. Bernas, who has dealt extensively with government contracts in various industries. His accomplishments include having obtained the annulment of the Piatco contract in the Supreme Court. He is also a lecturer on government contracts at the Ateneo Law School.

Seminar participants will also get the chance to listen to additional lessons from the field and war stories that will be shared by three guest resource speakers. Gerardo B. Favila, president of Ayala Systems, will talk about what needs to be known about IT contracts. Insights and perspectives about infrastructure-based contracts will be shared by Edilberto C. Palisoc, EVP and GM for construction of DM Consunji. Issues related to government water and power contracts will be tackled by lawyer Angelo Patrick F. Advincula, partner at the Zambrano & Gruba Law Offices. For more details, call the Center for Global Best Practices at 842-7148/59, or e-mail bestpractices8888@yahoo.com.

St. Francis Square redefines pleasurable shopping experience

WITH THE RISING COST of commodities nowadays, smart shoppers look for more economical and convenient ways to enjoy and spend their money wisely. Finally, the best shopping alternative will soon rise in the heart of the Ortigas Commercial Center.



Conveniently located at the corner of Julia Vargas and Bank Drive (behind SM Megamall), what used to be known as one of Metro Manila's most frequented places of people who want to experience the best of fine dining and entertainment, St. Francis Square will reopen its doors as the premier hub for "great buys and cool bargains!"

This October, the new St. Francis Square Tiangge will be launched to cater to smart shoppers who want only the best items at rock bottom prices. With about more than 1,000 merchant stalls to choose from, shoppers may enjoy limitless shopping while haggling for great buys.

Shoppers will enjoy a wide variety of practical and fashionable items, from clothes to jewelry and pearls, shoes to bags, furniture to home decors, cell phones to sheer novelty items, clustered on each floor in a thematic manner.

St. Francis Square Tiangge is meant to complement the nearby shopping malls in the Ortigas area, giving shoppers an alternative to the usual mall-shopping experience. Fully air-conditioned, this multi-level mall will definitely attract the yuppies, housewives, students and busy executives after a stressful day. A mere walking distance from the MRT Ortigas Station, Edsa and Ortigas Avenue, it is accessible to commuters who would want to do last-minute shopping or just simply hang out before going home.

St. Francis Square Tiangge, with its great buys, will make everyday a shopping day.

Pampanga hospital acquires high-tech diagnostic equipment

OUR LADY OF MT. CARMEL MEDIcal Center, one of Central Luzon's leading tertiary hospitals, recently acquired Immunocap 100E, a state-of-the-art diagnostic equipment for testing allergy, asthma, and autoimmune diseases.

Located in the City of San Fernando, Pampanga, Our Lady of Mt. Carmel Medical Center is a 98-bed tertiary hospital, with a vision of becoming a multi-specialty medical center providing quality healthcare to all patients regardless of their socio-economic status.

Since its establishment in 2001, it has always been geared towards providing modern and state-of-the-art facilities as part of its commitment to create an impact in the community through quality service, and to carry on the time-honored principle that "health is wealth."

The acquisition of Immunocap 100E by the hospital now makes it as a center for automated testing of allergy, asthma and auto-immune diseases in Pampanga and the whole of Central Luzon, being the first hospital in the region to have acquired such a highly automated laboratory system.

For more information, call (045) 860-0993 or 961-1895 loc. 125.

FIRST LIFE SUPPORTS COOPERATION FOR OPTIMIZING BENEFITS

First Guarantee Life Assurance Co Inc (First Life) president and CEO Peter Coyiuto (2nd from right) is joined by, from left, Paul Muller, Swiss Life CEO, Paulina Casal, executive vice president and head of Swiss Life Network; and Daniel Saycon from group insurance at the recent international conferences exclusive to clients and partners in Interlaken, Switzerland. From 1996, First Life is the Philippine partner of Swiss Life-the world's largest employee benefits network. The cooperation is aimed at ensuring that multinational customers of both companies will benefit from a comprehensive service and an extended range of solutions in group employee benefits.

PEACE POLICY DIALOGUE

Shown, from left, are Major Gen. Dato Zulkifeli Bin Mohd Zin, former Head of Mission, international monitoring team; BGen. Ramon Santos, chair, Coordinating Committee on the Cessation of Hostilities (CCCH); Von al Haq, chair MILF CCCH; Jose Akmad, chair, Mindanao People's Caucus, and Usec Manuel Gerochi, co-chair, GRP-RRA NTWG on Cessation of Hostilities were some of the resource speakers during a forum on Peacekeeping Initiatives in the Philippines held recently at the Asian Institute of Management. The forum was organized by Opapp in partnership with the United Nations Development Programme.

GSBTB APPOINTS SUBÓC

The Greater Subic Bay Tourism Bureau (GSBTB), a forum composed of operators of diverse tourism-related businesses and non-government organization in the Subic Bay Freeport Zone, the City of Olongapo, and the adjoining provinces of Bataan and Zambales, announced during its Fellowship night held at Mountain Woods resort the launching of two major tourism projects dubbed 'Subik Travel Exchange Convention' and 'Subik! Subik! Festival'' slated October this year and February 2006, respectively. 'Subik' was coined to describe the unique experiences that one will discover as they visit various destinations in the Subic Bay area. GSBTB appointed Subóc, or the 'Subik' organizing committee, to handle the events management of the convention and the festival. Shown during the signing of the memorandum of agreement were (from left) GSBTB Vice Chair Gabriel C. La O'; GSBTB Chair George U. Lorenzana; Subóc representatives Francisco D. Custodio and Nathaniel F. Salang

'Pistang Sulo'

THE SULO HOTEL RECENTLY LAUNChed a regional food festival dubbed "Pistang Sulo" Sep. 19 at the Café Paraiso and Lobby Lounge. The event was overwhelmed by sumptuous food featuring authentic Pampanga cuisine and teasers from Cagayan Valley and Bicol. Cagayan Valley is now showcasing its specialties until Oct. 14, while Bicol will be featured from Oct. 17 to 28. These will be featured Monday to Friday at the Café Paraiso on a buffet style from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. For inquiries and reservations, call 924-5051 to 71, or visit Sulo Hotel along Matalino Road, Diliman, Quezon City. Log on to www.sulohotel.com.ph.

DISTRIBUTION DEAL

3M Philippines Inc, a subsidiary of 3M Company (Minnesota Mining and Manufacturing) has appointed Keylargo Car Accessories Center as one of its authorized distributors for 3M Scotchtint. Shown formalizing the distribution deal are (from top left, counter clockwise) 3M segment supervisor-automotive aftermarket division Eric G. Sampang, 3M group manager-industrial/transportation business Andy B. Juan, Keylargo chief operations officer Julie H. Gamboa and Keylargo-3M sales team leader Roman Azulis Jr.

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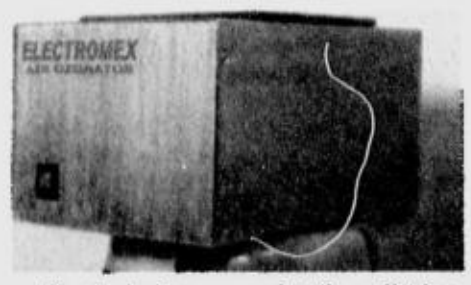

New 'Page One' collection to be launched

ANVIL PUBLISHING INC, THE PHILIPPINE Daily Inquirer and Powerbooks are co-hosting a seminar for Mass Communication teachers and students on Oct. 15 from 9 a.m. to 12 noon at Powerbooks, Greenbelt 4.

The seminar marks the release of "Page One: Book Two" published by the Inquirer. The much-awaited sequel to the groundbreaking "Page One Book One", this new volume presents the most memorable front-page images of the Inquirer from 1996 to 2001.

This coffee table book is a vivid collage of the country's significant events of the period such as Edsa 2, the impeachment trial of former President Joseph Estrada, 9/11 and many more.

Inquirer publisher Isagani M. Yambot and managing editor Abel S. Ulanday will speak on "The Science of Producing a Daily Newspaper" and "The Role of Newspapers in Philippine Society," respectively. Inquirer Books consultant Ruel S. De Vera will be moderating the discussion. The Inquirer and Anvil have co-published bestsellers such as "The Best of Youngblood 1", "Youngblood 2.0", "The Best of A. Lipin" by Jess Abrera and "The Fall of Joseph Estrada: The Inside Story" by Amando Doronila.

Registration starts at 9 a.m. For reservations and inquiries, call the Anvil marketing department at 747-16-22.

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TransCo
National Transmission Corporation

Date : October 6, 2005

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

Bauang – San Esteban 230 kV Line 2 Stringing Project
(Sp05.BSETL.LI-0048)

Installation of Insulator String Assemblies and Stringing of 795 MCM ACSR Conductors on Line 2 side of the Bauang – San Esteban 230 kV Double Circuit Steel Tower Transmission Lines. The Project is located the Provinces of La Union and Ilocos Sur in the Northern Part of Luzon.

1. The National Transmission Corporation (TransCo), through the Annual Corporate Budget for the contract approved by the governing board, intends to apply the sum of Sixteen Million Two Hundred Ninety Five Thousand One Hundred Eighty Six (Php 16, 295,186.00) being the Approved Budget for Conract (ABC) to payments under the contract for the **Bauang – San Esteban 230 kV Line 2 Stringing Project (Sp05.BSETL.LI-0048)**. Bids received in excess of the ABC shall be automatically rejected at Bid opening.
2. The National Transmission Corporation (TransCo) now calls for the submission of Letters of Intent (LOIs) from potential Bidders to apply for eligibility for **furnishing labor, materials, equipment (except materials specified to be furnished by TransCo) supplies and tools to complete the stringing works of the Project**. Bidders should possess a valid PCAB license applicable to the above type and cost of the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least fifty percent (50%) of the ABC, and meet the other minimum eligibility requirements stated in the Eligibility Documents. Interested Bidders must submit their LOIs on or before the date and time at the address given below, and secure the Eligibility Documents therefrom upon payment of non-refundable fee, also stated below. Applications for eligibility will be evaluated on a **"pass/fail"** basis. The last day for the submission of the accomplished Eligibility Documents shall be on the date of the opening of Eligibility Documents stated below. Only those Bidders passing the eligibility check will be entitled to purchase the Bidding Documents. PCAB License and Registration Particular required should be as follows:
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   Registration Particular : at least "Medium A", SP-Electrical Works
3. Bidding will be conducted through open competitive bidding procedures as specified in the Implementing Rules and Regulations Part A (IRR-A) of Republic Act 9184 (R.A. 9184), otherwise known as the "Government Procurement Reform Act," and is restricted, unless otherwise stated, to organizations with at least seventy-five percent (75%) interest or outstanding capital stock belonging to citizens of the Philippines. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184, only Bids from eligible Bidders will be opened. In accordance with the IRR-A of R.A. 9184 a contract will only be awarded to the Lowest Calculated and Responsive Bidder who was determined as such during post-qualification.
4. Interested eligible Bidders may obtain further information from **TransCo** and inspect the Bidding Documents at the BCMD at the address given below.
5. A complete set of Bidding Documents may be purchased by Bidders that passed the eligibility check upon the presentation of the Notice of Eligibility to the BAC Secretariat, at the address below and upon payment of a non-refundable fee stated below. The Bidding Documents shall be received personally by the bidder or his authorized representative starting from the schedule specified below.
6. **TransCo** will hold a Pre-Bid Conference open to all Eligible Bidders on the schedule stated below.
7. Eligible Bidders must submit their Bids at the address below on or before the schedule of submission and opening specified below. All Bids must be accompanied by a Bid security in any form and in amount stated in the Bidding Documents or an equivalent amount in a freely convertible currency. Late Bids shall not be accepted.
8. The Contractor shall complete the works within **One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days** counted from the effective date stated in the Notice to Proceed.
9. **TranscCo** reserves the right to accept or reject any Bid, to annul the bidding process, and to reject all Bids at any time prior to contract award, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

	Activity	Date/Time	Venue
a	Issuance of Eligibility Documents	Starting October 10, 2005 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	BCMD office address below
b	Submission & Opening of Eligibility Documents	November 3, 2005, 1:30 PM	De La Paz Function Room Training Center Bldg., TransCo, Diliman, Quezon City
c	Issuance of Bidding Documents	Starting November 18, 2005, 8:00 AM to 5:00 PM	BCMD office address below
d	Pre-bid Conference	December 8, 2005, 1:30 PM	BCMD office address below
e	Bid Submission & Opening	December 22, 2005, 9:00 AM	BCMD office address below

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Contracting of Services for the Rural Power Project

The Development Support Services Center (DSSC) of the United Nations Development Programme (UNDP) invites local / international consulting firms to assist the Project Management Office (PMO) to implement the decentralized electrification investment and Technical Assistance and Capacity Building (TACB) components of the Philippines Rural Power Project (RPP).

The Government of the Philippines, through the Department of Energy (DOE) and with grant assistance from the Global Environment Facility (GEF) and the International Bank for Reconstruction and Development (IBRD), is implementing the Philippines Rural Power Project.

RPP aims to assist the country in making available affordable, reliable and adequate electricity that is used to meet the needs of the rural communities in a sustainable manner. On the global scale, the project would contribute towards the objective of mitigating climate change caused by greenhouse gas (GHG) emissions through wider use of clean, renewable energy technologies in power generation. This would be complemented by grid system rehabilitation and loss reduction in distribution systems operated by electric cooperatives, which would leads to, increased efficiency of grid-based supply, and resultant avoidance of polluting diesel-fuelled power generation.

The project seeks to set-up an Implementation Support Unit (ISU) to assist the PMO in implementing the decentralized electrification investment and TACB components.

For interested parties, Bid Documents (Eligibility Requirements and Instructions to Bidders) may be secured personally, at the following address:

Development Support Services Center
United Nations Development Programme
30th Floor Yuchengco Tower, RCBC Plaza
6819 Ayala Avenue cor. Sen. Gil J. Puyat Avenue
Makati City 1226 Philippines
Tel. Nos. (632) 9010100 Fax Nos. (632) 9010200 / (632) 8897177

International companies are encouraged to appoint and authorize Philippine-based counterparts to secure the bidding documents for and in their behalf.

The abovementioned Bid Documents will be released to all interested parties starting **12 October to 26 October 2005 only**. The Bid Documents shall contain all instructions on the rules, procedures, and schedules.

UNDP reserves the right to reject any or all of the bids, waive any defect or informality therein, accept the bid and award the contract to the most advantageous offer to the UNDP, for and in behalf of the Department of Energy. UNDP assumes no responsibility to compensate or indemnify the bidder for any expense or loss that may be incurred for the preparation of bids, nor does it guarantee that an award will be made.

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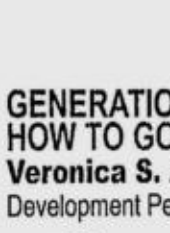

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MEMORANDUM CIRCULAR
NUMBER 2005-035

SUBJECT: EXTENSION OF TIME TO FILE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION OF VALIDITY OF EXPIRED FRANCHISE WITH MODIFICATIONS.

Due to the clamor of various transport groups, and considering the number of Motions to Allow Late Filing of Extension of Validity and the like filed by grantees, the Board hereby extends the period of late filing of expired Certificates of Public Convenience, subject to the following conditions:

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Quezon City, Philippines. Oct 07. 2005

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(PDI-Oct. 10,17,24,2005)

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(PDI-Sept. 26, Oct. 3, & 10, 2005)

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(PDI-Oct. 10, 17, & 24 2005)

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Notice is hereby given that the estate of the late Teodora D. Garcia has been extrajudicially settled by her legal heirs under Doc No. 437; Page 88; Book No VIII; Series of 2005 of Notary Public Dr. Jose Teodorico V. Molina of Quezon City.
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SOFIA MACARAIG CANTOS

Passed away in the Grace of our Lord on October 6, 2005 at the age of 96.

Her loving children: **Lydia** & **Frank** (+); **Erling** & **Emong**; **Angel** & **Ning**; **Boying** & **Fely**; **Wen** (+) & **Cristy**; **Rod** (+) & **Emy**; **Remy**; **Fita** & **Jing**; **Nonoy (Ed)** & **Belle**; brothers, sisters, in-laws, nephews, nieces, relatives and friends request the pious readers to pray for the eternal repose of her soul.

Her remains lie in state at Jacinto Chapel, La Funeraria Paz-Sucat, Parañaque City.

Holy Mass will be offered at 7:00 pm daily.

Interment will be on October 12, 2005 at the Manila Memorial Park, Sucat, Parañaque City after the 1:00 pm Mass.

Our Dearly Beloved

JAIME A. SAN JUAN

October 16,1951 – October 11, 1991

On his 14th Feast day we treasure all the beautiful memories as a wonderful husband to **Luz Uy San Juan** and as an excellent father to **Jamaica SJ Esparas** and son-in-law **Major Ruel M. Esparas**, **Jussein Uy San Juan** and daughter-in-law **Vanessa S. San Juan**. His grandchildren **Jaime Luz, Jameson, Jaime Florentino, Jamie Luz and Jasmine Lui San Juan**.

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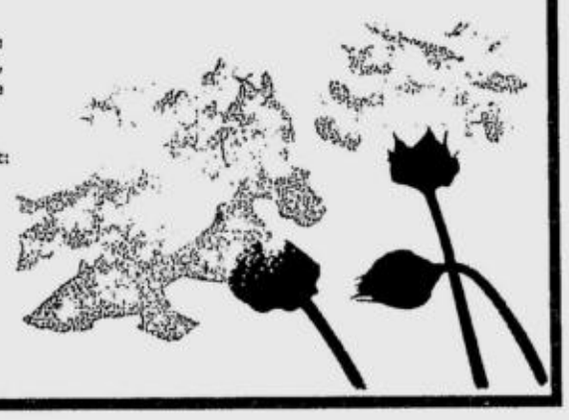

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Construction of the House of Representatives Multi-Purpose Covered Court House of Representatives, Quezon City

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The House of Representatives, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by the Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

Name of Contract	Construction of the House of Representatives Multi-Purpose Covered Court
Location	House of Representatives, Constitution Hills, Quezon City
Brief Description	Provision of all materials, labor, equipment, supervision and other facilities necessary and required for the complete construction of the HOR Multi-Purpose Covered Court
Approved Budget for the Contract	P23,912,870.64
Contract Duration	One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon acceptance of the Notice to Proceed
Delivery Period	One Hundred Eighty (180) calendar days upon acceptance of the Notice to Proceed

Prospective bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

All particulars relative to Eligibility Statement and Screening, Bid Security, Performance Security, Pre-Bidding Conference, Evaluation of Bids, Post-Qualification and Award of Contract shall be governed by the pertinent provisions of R.A. 9184 and its Implementing Rules and Regulation-A (IRR-A). BAC activities are as follows:

BAC Activities	Schedule
1. Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) including Application for Eligibility	Oct. 3 – Oct. 10, 2005
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	Oct. 3 – Oct. 10, 2005
3. Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	October 17, 2005
4. Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	October 24, 2005
5. Issuance of Bid Documents	Oct. 24 – Oct. 27, 2005
6. Pre-bid Conference	November 7, 2005
7. Receipt and Opening of Bids	November 21, 2005
8. Bid Evaluation	November 21, 2005
9. Post-qualification	November 28, 2005
10. Notice of Award	December 22, 2005

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders Eligibility Forms at the (Bids and Awards Committee-Secretariat) Office of the Procurement and Supply Management Service, South Wing Extension, c/o Mr. Domnador M. Gamboa, BAC-Secretariat Head (Tel. Nos. 931-5683 & 931-5001 loc. 7523 & 7398), upon their submission of a LOI, and upon their payment of a non-refundable amount of **Three Thousand Pesos Only (P3,000.00)** to the House of Representatives Cashier from October 3-October 10, 2005 (Monday to Thursday only before 3:00 P.M.). Prospective bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC addressed to **Atty. Leonardo B. Palicte III**, Bids and Awards Committee Chairman, c/o the BAC-Secretariat and dropped in the bid box located at the Conference Room, Deputy Secretary General for Internal Audit, South Wing Basement, House of Representatives, National Government Center, Constitution Hills, Quezon City. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the Office of the Secretariat Head.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of **Ten Thousand Pesos Only (P10,000.00)** to the House of Representatives Cashier from October 24-27, 2005 (Monday to Thursday only before 3:00 P.M.).

The House of Representatives assumes no responsibility whatsoever to compensate or indemnify bidders for any expenses incurred in the preparation of their bids.

Approved by:
ATTY. LEONARDO B. PALICTE III
BAC Chairman

(PDI – October 3 & 10, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
City Government of Zamboanga
BIDS AND AWARDS COMMITTEE
City Hall, Zamboanga City
Tel. No. (062) 992-7763

So No CW-05-08-088

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

The *City Government of Zamboanga*, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites contractors registered with and classified by Philippine Contractors Accreditation Board (PCAB) to apply for eligibility and if found eligible, to bid for the hereunder contract:

Name of contract (By Cluster)	Location	Brief Description	Approved Budget for the Contract	Contract Duration
1. Construction of Covered Shed at Commercial Center, Bagsakan	Sta. Maria, Zamboanga City	Construction of roofed shed & stalls, calling for masonry, carpentry and electrical works with painting	P 6,451,500.00	One Hundred Fifty Seven (157) Calendar days
TOTAL APPROVED BUDGET FOR THE CONTRACT			P 6,451,500.00	

Prospective Bidders should possess a valid PCAB License applicable to the contract, have completed a similar contract with a value of at least 50% of the ABC, and have key personnel and equipment (listed in the Eligibility Forms) available for the prosecution of the contract. The BAC will use non-discretionary pass/fail criteria in the Eligibility Check/Screening as well as the Preliminary Examination of Bids. The BAC will conduct post-qualification of the lowest calculated bid.

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The schedule of BAC activities are as follows:

BAC Activities	Schedule
1. Receipt from prospective bidders of Letters of Intent (LOI) including Application for Eligibility	October 24, 2005
2. Issuance of Eligibility Forms	October 25, 2005
3. Receipt of Eligibility Requirements	October 25, 2005
4. Eligibility Check	October 26, 2005
5. Notice of Results of Eligibility Check	October 26, 2005
6. Issuance of Bid Documents	October 27, 2005
7. Pre-bid Conference	October 29, 2005
8. Receipt and Opening of Bids	November 10, 2005

The BAC will issue to prospective bidders Eligibility Forms at BAC Secretariat Office, City Hall, Zamboanga City, upon their submission of LOI, and upon their payment of a non-refundable amount of P100 for Contractor's Registry to the City Treasurer. Prospective bidders shall submit the Eligibility Requirements to the BAC at the said address. They may also obtain the results of the Eligibility Check by the BAC at the same address.

The BAC will issue Bidding Documents only to bidders declared by the BAC to be eligible for the bidding upon payment of a non-refundable amount of P3,000.00 to the City Treasurer.

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Approved by:
(Sgd.) VIRGINIA SAN AGUSTIN GARA
BAC Chairman

(PDI – October 10 & 16, 2005)

Republic of the Philippines
COMMISSION ON AUDIT
Regional Office No. V
Rawis, Legazpi City
Bids and Awards Committee

INVITATION TO APPLY FOR ELIGIBILITY AND TO BID

1. The Commission on Audit, Regional Office No. V, Rawis, Legazpi City, through its Bids and Awards Committee (BAC), invites duly licensed suppliers/bidders to apply for eligibility and to bid for the following:

Name of Project	:	**Procurement of Office Service Vehicles**
Location	:	Rawis, Legazpi City
Brief Description	:	Supply and delivery of five (5) units (AUV) Asian Utility Vehicle (4 units with non-sliding doors and one (1) unit with dual sliding doors), 4-cylinder Diesel engine; Displacement, 2400cc to 2500cc; Direct injection; Manual Transmission (M/T); Rear wheel drive; Rack & Pinion Power Steering or Recirculating Ball and Nut Steering with Power Assist; Dual Air-con system w/ independent switch control; Car Stereo; Brake System-front discs and rear drum, at least 185/R-14 Tire and Wheels; Mono-tone body color, company Rust-proofing with mudguards; Standard tools with Early Warning Device (EWD); Seat Cover, tint and matting.
Approved Budget for the Contract (ABC)	:	P4,000,000.00

Bids received in excess of the ABC shall automatically be rejected at bid opening.

2. Interested bidders may obtain a complete set of Bid Documents from the BAC Secretariat starting October 12, 2005 upon payment of a non-refundable fee of Two Thousand (P2,000.00) pesos cash to the Cashier, COA Regional Office No. V.
3. The Pre-Bid Conference shall be held on October 25, 2005, at 9:00 A.M. at the COA Conference Room, COA Regional Office No. V Compound, Rawis, Legazpi City.
4. Deadline for submission of bids shall be on November 8, 2005, at 9:00 A.M. Bidders shall drop their duly accomplished eligibility requirements, technical and financial proposals in three separate sealed envelopes in the bid box located at COA Regional Office No. V, Legazpi City. Immediately after the deadline, bids will be opened in the presence of the Bidders' representatives who choose to attend the bidding.
5. The COA Regional Office No. V reserves the right to accept and reject any and all proposals, to declare a failure of bidding, to annul the bidding process, or not award the contract, without thereby incurring any liability to the affected Bidder or Bidders.

(Sgd.) WILLY N. GUIRIBA
Chairman, Bids and Awards Committee

CONTACT PERSON:
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(PDI – Oct. 10 & 17, 2005)

NFA REGION XI HOSTS ON RICE FORTIFICATION PROGRAM

THE NATIONAL FOOD Authority has taken its campaign on rice fortification nationwide, conducting a briefing on the program for rice millers, retailers and farmers at the East Asia Royale Hotel in this city recently. Participants were treated to an interesting discussion by a panel of speakers headed by USAID-MOST consultant Hector Maglalang. Other speakers included Gloria Rigos from the NFA's Directorate for Marketing Operations (DMO); Arlene Tanseco of the NFA's Technology Resource Development Department (TRDD); Manager Yolanda Nieves of the Business Regulations Department (BRD); TRDD Director Rogelio Macutay and Engr. Jose Rigra of SeaCrop. The Philippine Food Fortification Act of 2000 otherwise known as Republic Act 8976 requires the addition of micronutrients to food items which are widely used by consumers to correct malnutrition especially among pre-school children and lactating mothers. The law requires that rice must be fortified with iron. The forum was focused on the implementation of rice fortification and the role of the millers and retailers in the said program. The NFA is set to distribute 100 percent of fortified rice by 2007 in the market nationwide. Region XI has started distributing iron-fortified rice in the market. For more information on food fortification program, the public may send inquiries via the Text NFA Program through mobile number 0917-6210927.

DA CHIEF LAUDS NFA GENSAN

AGRICULTURE SECRETARY DOMINGO F. PANGANIBAN praised the National Food Authority in General Santos City for its tremendous efforts in keeping its warehouses clean and its unique systematic piling of rice stocks. Secretary Panganiban was in General Santos recently as guest speaker during the recent tuna festival held in this city and dicided to pay his first visit to the NFA office. During his visit, Panganiban toured the NFA warehouse and was elated to see the systematic piling of rice following the staircase piling system and the "zero sweepings" policy being implemented by the NFA in its warehouses. "I am happy to personally see the results of this systematic rice piling system and how you maintain cleanliness in your warehouses with your "zero sweeping" policy," Secretary Panganiban said. The NFA has received commendations from various sectors for its implementation of the staircase piling system and the "zero sweepings" policy which is being undertaken by the food agency nationwide.

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RP attracts $499M in FDIs

$663-M boost from offshore banks

OFFSHORE BANKING UNITS IN THE PHILIPPINES are pumping more funds into the domestic economy through loans and investments in debt instruments.

According to a Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas report on the performance of nine locally operating OBUs, their total lending as of end-June surged by 180.6 percent to $663.5 million from only $236.5 million a year ago.

More than half of OBU funds were lent out to borrowers, the BSP said.

OBUs' investments in bonds and other debt instruments (IBODI) also expanded by a hefty 93.5 percent to $483 million, accounting for 36.5 percent of their gross assets.

IBODI refers to debt securities which the financial institution intends to hold until maturity. The investment is measured at amortized cost, where any realized gains or losses shall be included in the current income report.

The sector's funds are still primarily sourced from the head office or branches abroad. The funds increased by 28.7 percent to $746.5 million year-on-year, and contributed 57.8 percent of the industry's total resources.

Loans to resident borrowers expanded by 39 percent to $296 million from $213 million a year ago. The manufacturing sector remained the major beneficiary of lending to residents at 55.4 percent or $164.2 million, followed by the transportation, storage and communications sector at 12.2 percent or $36 million.

For the first half of this year, Philippine-based OBUs posted a net income after tax of $3.2 million or 59.1 percent higher than a year ago.

Doris C. Dumlao

By Doris C. Dumlao

THE PHILIPPINES ATTRACTED $499 MILLION in fresh foreign direct investments in January to July this year—more than double the $241 million a year ago—despite escalating tension in the political and economic fronts.

The figure was based on the Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas' balance of payments, measuring actual flows that came in during the reference period.

FDI flows represent investments in brick-and-mortar businesses that are usually capital- and labor-intensive, such as those spent in building new factories or other enterprises.

In the second quarter of this year, a political crisis was sparked by allegations that President Macapagal-Arroyo had a hand in rigging last year's election, and her family benefited from illegal gambling payoffs.

The bulk of the fresh investments poured in the first few months of the year and dwindled toward later months.

FDI flows in the first semester amounted to $495 million, which meant that for the month of July—when the Supreme Court suspended the implementation of the expanded value added tax and economic managers led by former Finance Secretary Cesar Purisima quit the Cabinet—the country's net windfall stood at only $4 million.

Nevertheless, net equity capital inflows during the seven-month period grew by 30.3 percent to $594 million from $456 million a year ago, as fresh fund placements edged out withdrawals.

BSP Governor Amando Tetangco Jr. said that net inflows from reinvested earnings continued with a windfall of $6 million, although this was lower than the $80 million posted in the same seven-month period last year.

The BSP chief said the mere fact that some companies decided to plow back their earnings to the domestic economy reflected "profitable FDI ventures in the country which encouraged investors to extend their investment dealings in the country's prime industries."

Tetangco said that the 2005 reinvested earnings data included those of local banks only, as data on enterprises were not yet available.

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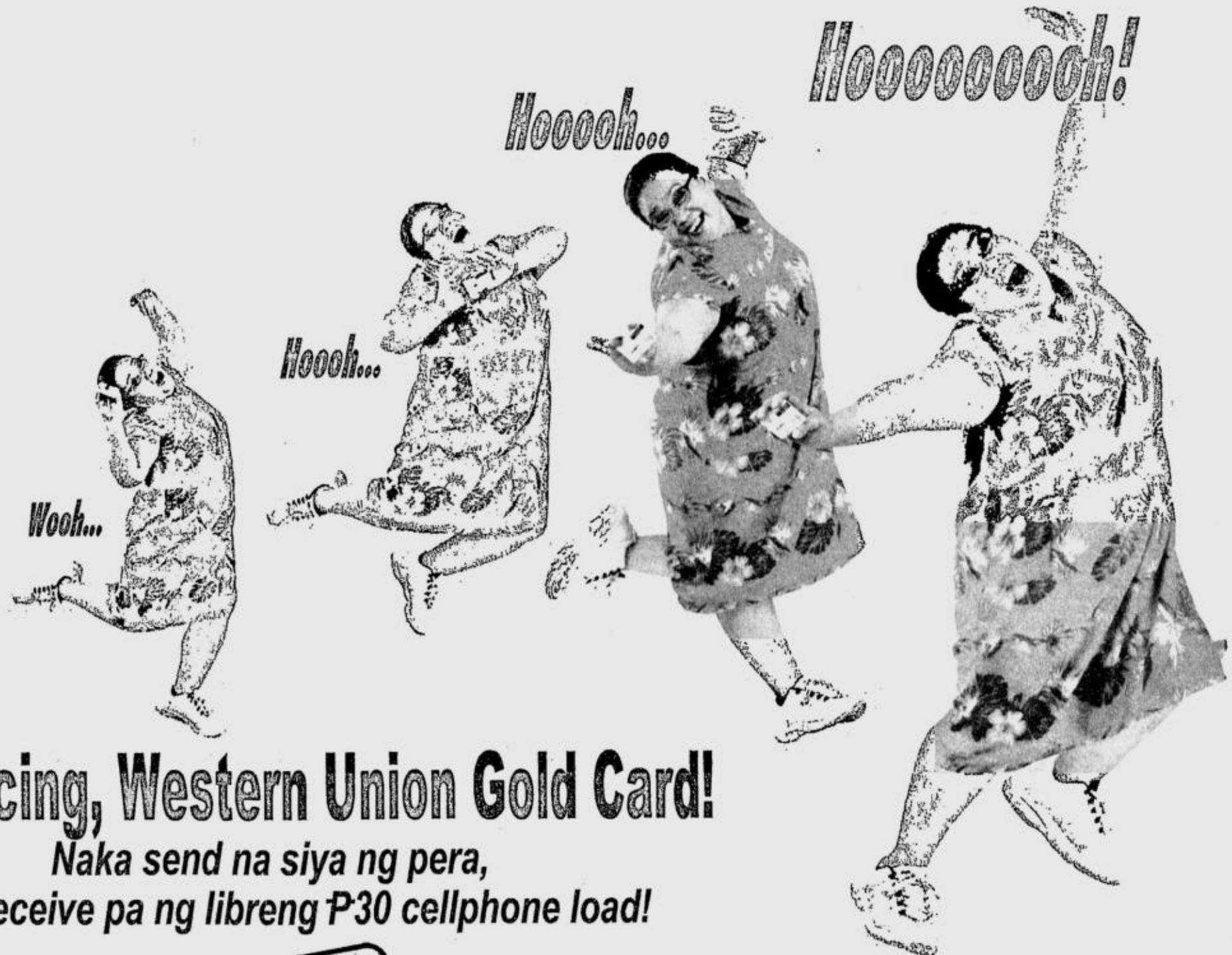

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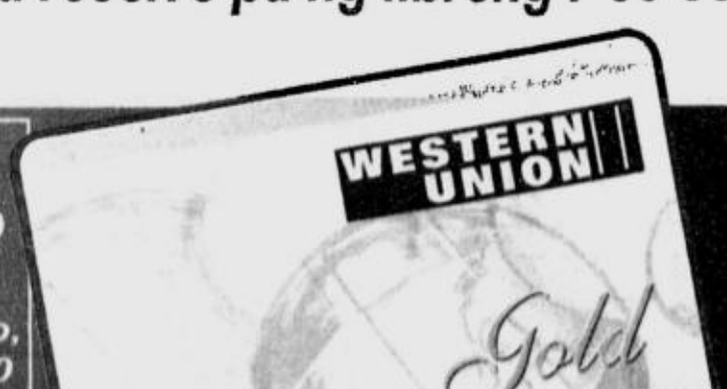

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Beating competition the German way

IN BUSINESS, THE PHRASE "Made in Germany" and high quality tend to mean the same thing.

As can be expected, German companies benefit the most from this interchangeability.

So besides reliable industrial automation products that run 24 hours a day, "Made in Germany" now also refers to software that powers corporations and adhesives that can hold jumbo jets together.

It also means the high-quality training that makes Filipino skills well known in the global aircraft maintenance arena.

Philippine-based companies can learn from the Germans' effective use of quality as a competitive weapon.

These lessons aren't at all new, however, but confirm classic dicta about quality and people such as:

Lesson 1: Quality does indeed pay off

"Quality pays in the long run," said Albert Robert, managing director of Festo Philippines, Inc., a leading provider of industrial automation products and German Month 2005 sponsor.

Among the major clients for Festo's pneumatic products and controls are food and beverage giants, San Miguel Corporation and Nestlé Philippines Inc.

TWO YOUNG Filipino technicians about to service a jumbo jet.

A combination of high quality products and highly motivated employees is keeping Festo among the top two in its industry and on track towards a new revenue record.

High level of excellence

Dr. Norman Goldberg, president of Henkel Philippines, shares Robert's dedication to quality.

Henkel is a market leader in proprietary high-performance engineering adhesives, sealants and coatings, and in consumer products such as Perwoll Liquid Laundry Detergent and Vernel Fabric Softener.

Henkel makes its presence go beyond the availability of its products by giving customers solutions that meet their individual business needs, and after service support around-the-clock.

An example of Henkel quality is the adhesive that bonds the new mega-liner, the Airbus A380 that will fly commercially in early 2006.

This aircraft uses Henkel products for composites bonding in the vertical and horizontal stabilizers, the flaps and floor beams, among others.

It's a jumbo jet held together by super strong glue.

Dominating ERP

Quality is also the main reason why SAP, a German company, is the world's leading provider of business software solutions.

ALBERT Robert

Its Philippine subsidiary is also market leader.

SAP Philippines, local subsidiary of SAP AG, estimates that it tops its market segment with over 60 percent of the enterprise resource planning (ERP) market.

Marivic Gamo, SAP Philippines' senior manager marketing and alliances, said all of SAP's ERP software is developed with clients, hence the high quality and effectiveness of their products.

ALBERT Goldberg

"Not one piece of our software is out-of-the-box," she noted.

SAP customers consist of a good mix of large and mid-size enterprises whose concerns include increasing revenues, cutting costs, improving efficiency and implementing best practices.

Lesson 2: People are indeed your most important resource

It's become a cliché, this saying that people are a company's most valuable resource.

But it rings true, especially when you need well-trained and well-motivated people to sell high value products or services.

Lufthansa Technik Philippines (LTP) employs over 2,000 people at its maintenance, repair and overhaul (MRO) facilities in the Manila, Cebu, Clark and Davao airports.

Its success over the past five years has been due to its high quality workforce.

LTP employs highly skilled English-speaking mechanics, engineers and support personnel.

The company sources its entry-level candidates from top graduates of major technical colleges and universities in the Philippines.

Top quality Filipinos

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New life according to Pinoy podcasters

By Alexander Villafania
Contributor

THEY ARE MUSICIANS SHARING THEIR music for free, a priest telling tales of life in Europe, a five-year-old girl's day-to-day activities at home and at school, a group of friends discussing food and politics, and a geek's perspective on the latest technologies. They are all Filipinos into "podcasting."

While many are happy with "blogging" as their most common form of freedom of expression online, some of them have started making their voices heard through podcasting in the last several months. There are currently 13 known Filipino-owned podcast sites with their own blog sites, most of them delivering their podcast files in English. Some of these Filipino podcasters update their podcasts prolifically. Not surprisingly, the method is reminiscent of the days of the voice tapes that overseas Filipino workers sent to their families back home.

Podcasting combines the words "iPod," an MP3 player, and "broadcast"—a new method for independent producers to publish and distribute radio-style audio recordings on the Internet, usually through RSS feeds. Although podcasting is associated with Apple's iPod MP3 player series, podcast files can be played on any audio device that can play MP3s.

Topics in these Filipino podcasts are as varied as they are vibrant, apparently aiming at different groups of listeners. For example, Benjamin Pimentel, a journalist working in the US, relates in his podcast called "Kwento Kwento" the stories of other Filipinos he knows in the San Francisco Bay Area. He started podcasting only last September, but has already posted 12 podcast files so far. Similarly, in "Detour," Hawaii-based Janno B. Coole narrates Filipino stories in a radio-style broadcast, complete with background music.

Though many of the podcasts are done by Filipinos abroad, a few are in the Philippines—like Jeric Peña who describes himself as a "simple guy" in his podcast "Jericho's Confessions." Here he tells about his thoughts on music, video games, and his experiences with girls. Quezon City podcaster "rom" of "PinoyPodcast" covers mostly technology stories from the Philippines. Incidentally, PinoyPodcast is supposedly the first Filipino podcast, first posted on February 25, about four months earlier than the others.

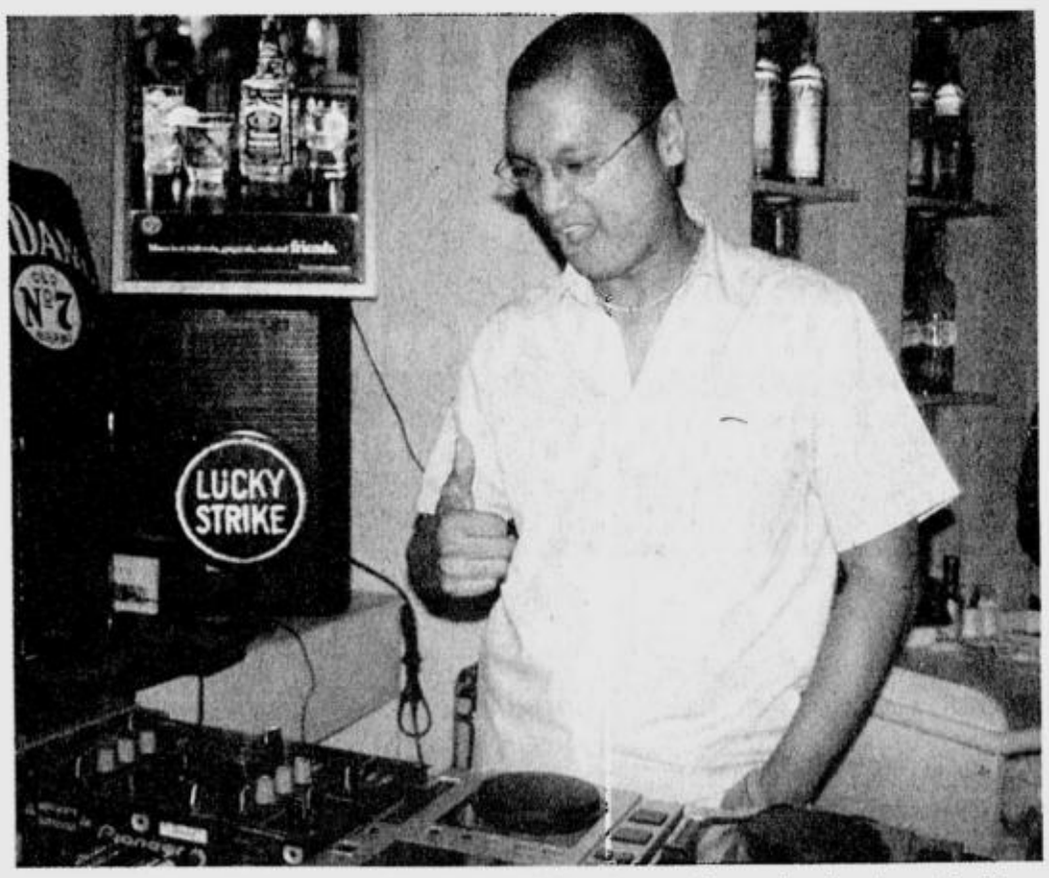
One Filipino podcast, "Mundo ni Sofia," is allegedly done by a five-year-old Filipina girl living in California. She gives exceptional insights about her school activities, her friends, and how she discovered podcasting through her father.

While some Filipino Podcasts are done by individuals, many are actually created by groups. Among these is "Europinoy Perspective" created by the Filipino missionary Stephen Cuyos and the Filipina radio commentator Remy Bayoneto, where they invite Filipinos working in Italy to guest. Similarly, Michael Josh in his "Michael Josh Show" talks with his siblings about their European road tripping.

Not surprisingly, some of these group podcasts are vulgar. In "Topdogs in Manila," male Filipino radio jocks exhibit assertive male machismo, giving tips on how to get women and making fun at people. In all of their shows, they invite women to their "kennel" to spill their thoughts about men, Filipinos in particular. Luckily the podcast's delivery is hilarious. Likewise, three friends talk about exoticism, eroticism, and everything in between in their podcast called "Putanginamo.com." Despite the use of Filipino profanity, the discussions can be as mundane as reality TV shows or talking about work as a model or radio jock.

Although these 13 Filipino podcasts constitute a very small number of culture-based podcasts, it will not be a surprise if more Filipino bloggers go podcasting. The availability of direct digital voice recording on certain portable podcasting devices has made it easier.

Perhaps it's the Filipino's love for speaking their mind that will eventually make podcasting more popular.



THE AUTHOR, an iPod owner and barfly, had his 10 minutes of fame when he plugged in his playlist and became a guest DJ at the Ice Vodka Bar. J. AMOR GARCIA

Bar turns barflies into MP3 DJs

By Erwin Oliva
Contributor

A MAKATI-BASED BAR HAS TURNED THE popularity of MP3 players into an attraction, allowing its patrons to plug this ubiquitous music gizmo and become the bar's disk jockey for the night.

Similar to having people walk up the stage and read a poem, jam with a band, or even spin a record and become a guest DJ, Ice Vodka Bar's new attraction hopes to attract more people to visit the bar and grant the local barflies' wish to become a disc jockey.

Ice Vodka Bar at Greenbelt 3 in Makati City usually plays chill-out and lounge music. But until November 23, the bar will turn the tables and allow people to play their own chill-out or party music, granting them their "10 minutes of fame" every Wednesday night.

To become its guest DJ, patrons have to register with the receptionist, prepare a 10-minute playlist of songs, and wait for the bar's DJ to call them to plug in their MP3 players, hoping to please the crowd.

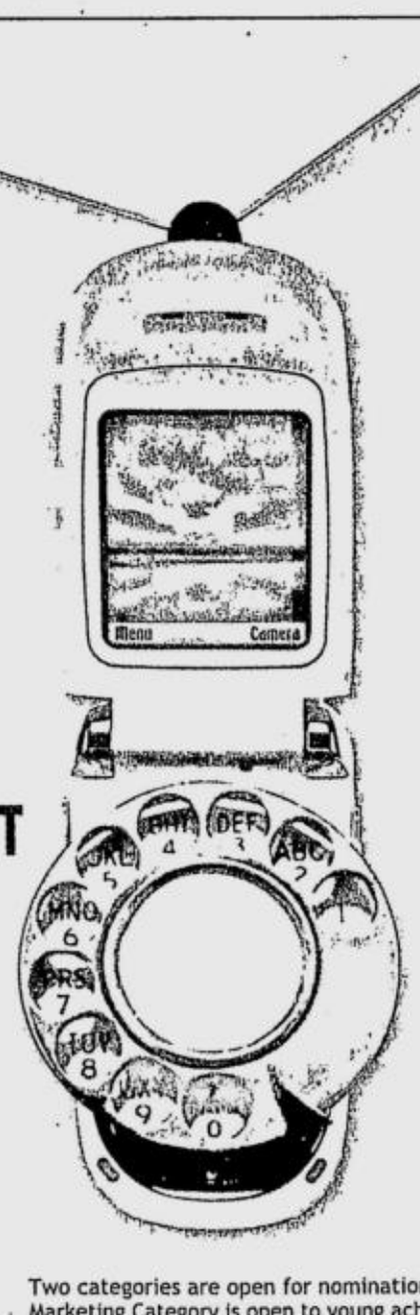
Since this attraction is also a competition where winners will have a chance to win MP3 accessories and an MP3 player, the local bar requires that your music would eventually get the crowd jumping, dancing and, hopefully, cheering for you and your music. This will be the only criterion, the local bar said.

This competition has a catch, however. The audience or the patrons will decide who wins on a given night. And only the patrons who buy a drink will be entitled to a ballot.

There will be one winner declared every week for the first seven weeks. All the seven winners will be called back to compete in a final showdown and get a chance to win a new MP3 player, the bar said.

The local bar invited several media persons, including this writer, to battle it out in last Wednesday's launch of the competition-cum-attraction. It is perhaps the first local bar in the country to ride on the ubiquity of MP3 players, and the subculture it has created here and abroad.

"We're not sure if Ice Vodka is the only bar locally that is doing this. But we just wanted this to become a precursor to the bar's anniversary in October. I don't know if this is going to be permanent. But since everyone is in tech, this idea was conceptualized to attract more such people to come to the bar," said Patrick Cabalu of RPA and Communicate, Ice Vodka Bar's events agency.



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Red Ribbon and Collins' 'Good To Great' model

MAPPING THE FUTURE

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THE THEME of the MAP CEO CONference that will be held on October 19th "Change or Perish: The Choice is Yours". With that theme, we wanted to introduce some changes into our program format.

Case study format

The committee decided on the addition of a business case study session. With the case material distributed to the participants ahead of the conference, there would be a lot more information available to the participants, including tidbits that enhance the audience's understanding that may otherwise not be captured in a speaker's simple 20 minute talk.

The confidence of the committee in adopting a case study format for one session was boosted upon realizing the existence of a committee member that would be the perfect person to moderate this session: the highly respected AIM professor, Mayo Lopez. With the audience armed with more details about the company as well as the outstanding facilitation skills of Professor Mayo, livelier discussions would ensue.

The committee decided not to have two very large companies. Hence, the two firms the conference will feature are United Laboratories and the Red Ribbon Bake Shop.

A great story

There is a great story to tell about Red Ribbon, having started 26 years ago from a home kitchen that grew revenues to P2.5 billion, 147 shops here and the U.S., and employees of close to 3,000.

In late August this year that Jollibee made a disclosure to the Philippine Stock Exchange of it's planned acquisition of 100 percent ownership of Red Ribbon.

I will share a few thoughts about Red Ribbon based on transcripts of the interviews conducted by Professor Mayo Lopez with Danny Moran, President and CEO.

In 1983, after 4 years with IBM Philippines as a Systems Engineer, Danny Moran decided to concentrate all his time on the bake shop business founded by his wife; then on it's fourth year of operations.

Danny said coming from IBM gave him a lot of ideas regarding the vision of Red Ribbon. He was inspired by IBM's three basic beliefs: "Respect for the individual", "best quality products" and "service to customers".

My own personal interpretation of Danny's vision for Red Ribbon was for it's products to be affordable, representing good value and among the best in the world. If the real estate business motto is "location, location, location", Danny's would be "focus, focus, focus".

Another hot button for Danny is passion. And he describes his wife as a very passionate person. And her passion for baked products drove her to endlessly find out better ways of doing everything.

Collin's hedgehog concept

Wow! I said to myself this is just like the "hedgehog concept" that Jim Collins found in the eleven "Good To Great" (GTG) companies. What Collins discovered was that the hedgehog concept of 11 GTG firms was essentially the answer to three questions: What can you be the best in the world at? What are you deeply passionate about? What drives your economic engine?

Red Ribbon has a lot of similarity with one of the 11 GTG company, "Nucor Steel". Both leverage corporate culture as a competitive advantage. For Red Ribbon, that culture is the family atmosphere culture. In fact, Danny points to this as a major reason why Red Ribbon succeeded in the U.S. where many Filipino companies failed.

When they started doing business in the U.S. the people they brought in from the Philippines lived with them as "family". The advantage is, "they take care of the business as if it was their own because they were part of the family".

Danny points out that values is something they had to constantly build on. The family atmosphere goes to customers as well,

"It's a matter of developing this family value in the people, in the workplace, in the store and that's how you reach your customers because you're treating them like they are actually part of the family, your special guest. Employees joining the family, is not simply hiring an employee, you're actually hiring a family."

I encourage you to see and hear Danny Moran first-hand at the MAP CEO Conference on October 19th at the Makati Shangri-la.

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GAAP, on the other hand, puts more emphasis on the historical cost of a property, or the asset's worth at the time of its acquisition.

For the IFRS, substance, not form, is significant in the treatment of properties. While GAAP is content, for example, in recording the existence of assets in the books of a corporation, in the IFRS it's the relationship of that asset to the corporate objective that is highlighted.

Perhaps, what sets the IFRS apart from GAAP is the former's tilt in favor of wider disclosure, or of the company and its accountants giving more information about the ins and outs of the business so the stockholders get to know more about the true state of their investments.

Effect

One area that the IFRS is particularly critical about is transactions by related parties, such as interlocking directors, parent companies and their subsidiaries or affiliates.

The IFRS requires that details of those relationships be described extensively to make sure possible conflicts of interest are disclosed to the stockholders.

In other words, the IFRS wants corporations to "bare a little more of its soul" rather than rely on stock accounting words and phrases to meet the minimum disclosure requirements under GAAP.

With the additional data required, the IFRS-inspired financial reports are obviously going to be voluminous. This development may not sit well with ecologists, but investors, credit analysts and other participants in the financial industry will be happy with the wealth of information.

The weaning process from GAAP to IFRS started in the late '90s when some provisions of the IFRS were applied by the Securities and Exchange Commission and Bangko Sentral ng Pilipinas in their reportorial requirements.

The transition to IFRS is not going to be a walk in the park. But it is something that has to be done because the old system is out of step in the globalization process that is presently sweeping the financial world.

So what will happen if the IFRS is not complied with? Well, the financial statements concerned will be treated like unwanted mail and, in the process, suffer the not-so-pleasant consequences that go with that status.

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New accounting rules

Corporate Securities Info
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AS THE YEAR DRAWS TO A close, the country's accountants are gearing up for the shift from the decades-old Generally Accepted Accounting Principles in the Philippines (GAAP) to International Financial Reporting Standards (IFRS).

The audited financial statements of corporations for the period ending Dec. 31, 2005, which are due next April, have to be prepared under more transparent accounting norms.

As expected, whenever there are changes in the way things are done, some companies and accounting firms are objecting to the full implementation of the IFRS by the end of this year.

Unfamiliarity with the new rules and the additional expenses that would be incurred in complying with the IFRS have been cited by holdouts as justification for asking for the postponement of its effectivity period.

The number crunchers or bean counters (as accountants and auditors are fondly called) believe the new rules will force them to revise their training manuals, employ consultants and re-program their records and computer systems.

And these adjustments will not come cheap. When business is tight and the costs of operation are going through the roof, no saving is too small to be ignored by even the most profitable company or accounting firm.

Asian crisis

Had there been no Asian financial crisis in 1997, the IFRS would have remained a piping dream for international financial institutions, e.g., the World Bank, International Monetary Fund and Asian Development Bank, that have been campaigning for so long for uniform global accounting standards.

It is not easy to come up with region-wide or multilateral investment and credit policies when creditor and debtor countries use different, sometimes conflicting, accounting standards.

The problem also afflicts international accounting firms that have to deal with as many accounting rules as they have branches in various parts of the world.

Although there is unanimity among accountants all over the world on fundamental accounting principles, their actual application or interpretation varies depending on local practices, cultural orientation, government influence and other external factors.

With the finding that poor financial reporting was the root cause of the Asian financial crisis, the International Accounting Standards Board based in England (the "mother hen" of the accounting profession) and the local Accounting Standards Council pushed hard for the adoption of the IFRS.

Differences

The IFRS, which is embodied in a two-inch thick book, uses a different approach, compared to GAAP, in the preparation of financial statements.

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Three new plays provide reassuring indication that the last quarter of the year remains a prolific, resourceful time for local theater

MARIO O'Hara, Irma Adlawan and Paolo Rodriguez in Tanghalang Pilipino's "Ang Pokpok ng Ohio"

Breaking a leg against all odds

By Gibbs Cadiz

THOUGH HARDLY NOTICED, a central wonder of the times we live in is how alive the country's performing arts are despite our crushing, oversized problems.

Given the seemingly never-ending socio-economic malaise, coupled with recent industry-specific losses like the death of theater pillar Zeneida Amador and the exodus of many bright young lights to Hong Kong Disneyland, you'd think Philippine theater would be on life support by now.

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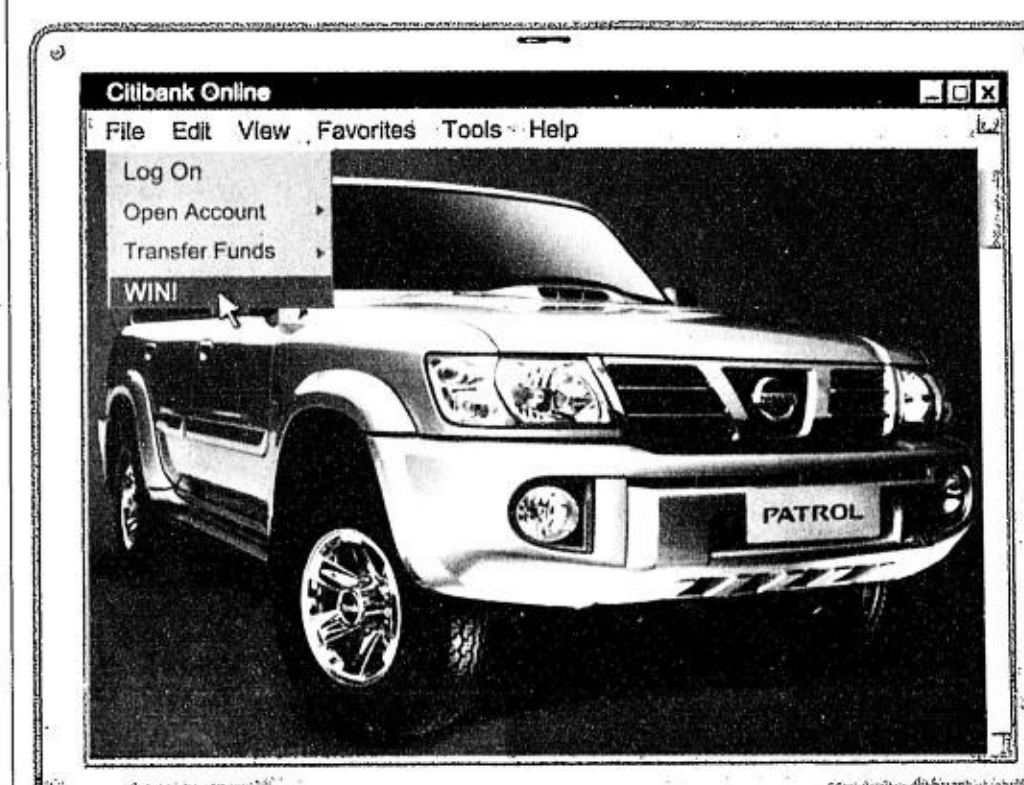

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Breaking a leg against all odds

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Ah, but there's the wonder of it all. Local theater is on its feet, and 2005 has shaped up to be one markedly fecund year for it. Like Scheherazade, singing, dancing and weaving stories in the face of death, the country's various theater companies are doggedly defying the odds by staging one production after another—with varying success, admittedly, but all in the belief that hard times are no excuse not to let genuine talent shine through.

Three new plays from three different companies provide reassuring indication that the last quarter of the year would be as exciting and productive for local theater as the earlier months (which saw grand musicals like Actors Actors Inc.'s "Once on This Island" and Atlantis Productions' "Beauty and the Beast" jostle for theatergoers' attention with other strong entries such as Repertory Philippines' "The Taming of the Shrew" and Tanghalang Pilipino's "R'meo Luvs Dhew-lhiett").

Milestone

Peta's 38th year in the business is already a milestone for any local theater troupe, but its achievement gains extra dimensions with the recent inauguration of a brand-new theater in Sunny Side Drive, Quezon City, called the Peta Theater Center.

For much of its existence, Peta had staged its productions at the open-air Rajah Sulayman Theater in Intramuros. Now it has its own home, with ample space for rehearsals, classes, offices and storage. An institution in local theater deserves no less.

To open the theater, Peta has chosen to stage Mario O'Hara's play, "Ang Palasyo ni Valentin," which won the Centennial Playwriting Contest in 1998. Florid, sweeping, incandescently romantic, the play is a paean to the lost world of the *zarzuela* and to an era when the theater was a temple, a treasure-house of fevered dreams inhabited by larger-than-life stars spinning tales of valor and nobility.

Nonie Buencamino stars as Valentin, and, as usual, he is magnificent. His character ages over 50 years, and while makeup would have helped a bit more, Buencamino is more than up to the task of reflecting the ravages of the times, from the 1890s to 1941 when the theater is finally obliterated in a hail of Japanese bombs.

There is so much truth in Buencamino's every scene and line that he carries the play through its stammering patches, which are many, to be fair.

One would think "Ang Palasyo ni Valentin" is a musical, punctuated as it is with songs (original music by Minda Azarcon and Vince de Jesus), but it is not. There is no organic unity of music, narrative and lyrics, and, outside of the *zarzuela*-as-performance set pieces, the musical sequences are meant more to underline big emotions than to shape character or advance plot.

This makes the score hardly memorable, and the singing largely commonplace. Cynthia Culig-Guico, though, is a ravishingly voiced Diding (Valentin's love), and in her hands the play's one notable song, "Milflores," attains heavenly heights.

With a narrative that echoes bits and pieces of other rhapsodies to nostalgia such as Giuseppe Tornatore's "Cinema Paradiso," Stephen Sondheim's "Follies," Lloyd Webber's "Phantom of the Opera" and Nick Joaquin's "Larawan," "Palasyo" is a play that cries out for a grand, spectacular treatment.

Peta's purse strings are not enough for this, apparently, so it ended up with an economical version that, while resourceful (the filmed black-and-white sequences are particularly intriguing), also robs the staging of proper polish and panache.

(The show, directed by Soxie Topacio, runs until Oct. 16. Call 7256244 or 4100822.)

THE MAIN cast of PETA's "Ang Palasyo ni Valentin" (from left): Gigette Reyes, Chinggoy Alonzo, Nonie Buencamino, Cris Anthony Gonzales, Cynthia Culig-Guico

Ferocious acting

Over at the Cultural Center of the Philippines, Tanghalang Pilipino follows up its runaway hit, "R'meo Luvs Dew-lhiett," with another forcible production, JB Capino's Filipino translation of Israeli playwright Hanoch Levin's "The Whore from Ohio."

Now titled "Ang Pokpok ng Ohio" and starring Mario O'Hara (the "Palasyo" playwright), Irma Adlawan and Paolo Rodriguez, the show features brilliant translation, ferocious acting and uncompromising direction (by Dulaang UP's José Estrella).

(CLOCKWISE from left) Norman Peñaflorida, Roeder Camañag, Wowie de Guzman, Pamela Hundana and Benjie Cayetano in Gantimpala Theater's "Ibong Adarna"

With his shock of salt-and-pepper hair, mestizo features and pugilistic frame, O'Hara is no one's idea of a derelict at the end of his tether. Offstage he conveys the practical, easy-going hauteur of a country *ilustrado*, and that is why it is almost staggering to see him transform into an indelible figure of exhausted, defeated masculinity in "Ang Pokpok ng Ohio."

As a beggar desiring to hump a hooker for P300 on his 70th birthday but is unable to get it up, O'Hara limns, powerfully, every last desperate fold and fiber of his character. When he remonstrates at his son (Rodriguez, equally riveting), shrieking, *"Bakit, amoy lupa na ba ako?"* the palpable anguish of his dissipated bravado is hair-raising.

In "Pokpok," Adlawan also shows she's not through yet wowing audiences with her recent exceptional turns in a string of digital movies. Now back to her theater roots, she is breathtakingly fearless as the streetwalker, the embodiment of one last stab at puny happiness for the father-and-son beggars but herself a void of dead-end misery and hopelessness.

Adlawan's scenes with O'Hara and Rodriguez burn with either whipsaw invective or wary accommodation—together, perhaps the fiercest, tightest ensemble acting you will see on a local stage this year.

("Ang Pokpok ng Ohio" runs until Oct. 23. It is For Adults Only for its graphic scenes and language. Call 8323661 or 8321125 local 1620.)

Visual feast

If "Ang Pokpok ng Ohio" singes with its intensity, Gantimpala Theater's "Ibong Adarna," which recently ended its run, headed for shallower ground by presenting the popular *corrido* as an aural and visual spectacle that very nearly approached variety-show frenzy.

High-school students are Gantimpala's main audience, and there is calculable wisdom in jazzing up its productions, making them more accessible and whimsical, to suit the restless attention span of the kids. "Florante at Laura" benefited from a brisker, more contemporary approach, and so did "Ibong Adarna"—up to a point.

Roobak Valle's direction was commendable for its decision to ditch the Ottoman Empire milieu with which the story is invariably associated. Instead, "Ibong Adarna" appropriated the rich, colorful pageantry of Maranao culture as its enchanted setting.

The resonant sounds and rituals of a people more recognizable to us unhooked the story from its esoteric moorings and gave it more immediacy. And all those glittering costumes and scenery made "Ibong Adarna" nothing less than a visual feast.

Would that Valle had also thought of unshackling the lines from their stilted conventions and giving his actors license to speak them with conversational ease. Almost everyone in "Ibong Adarna" declaimed grandiloquently, from Haring Fernando (Benjie Cayetano) and Reyna Valeriana (Pamela Hundana) down to the lowliest courtier.

Only Roeder Camañag managed to find a semblance of authentic emotion in his portrayal of a jealous brother's conflicted spirit.

"Ibong Adarna's" elevated speechifying meant puffing up the performances to broad, cartoony proportions—an unnecessary bid, since the story was thrilling enough, and the inspired visuals (especially Ibong Adarna herself, a ballet dancer clad in glow-in-the-dark plumage) were a good enough reason to stay glued to one's seat.

It's artifice, in this case, not the Adarna's magical droppings, that could leave one stone-cold.

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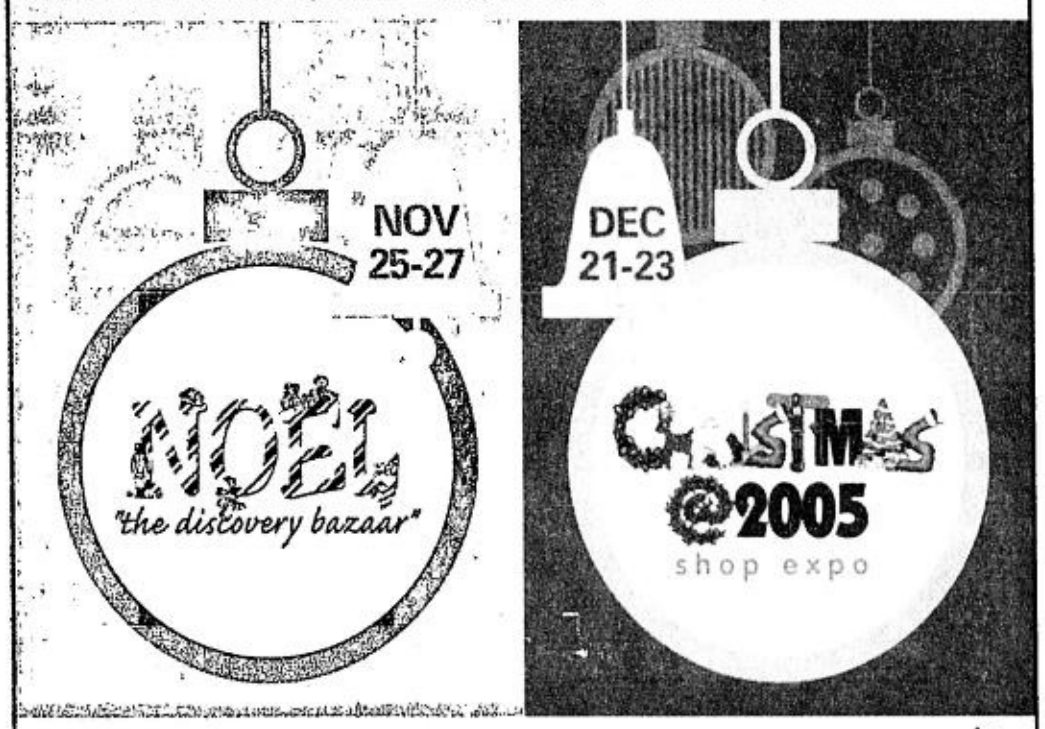

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The evening will be capped off with a performance of Rodrigo's "Concierto de Aranjuez" with the Metro Manila Community Orchestra under the baton of Maestro Josefino Chino Toledo.

The concert is on Oct. 23, Sunday, 8 p.m., at the Philam Theater, United Nations Ave., Manila.

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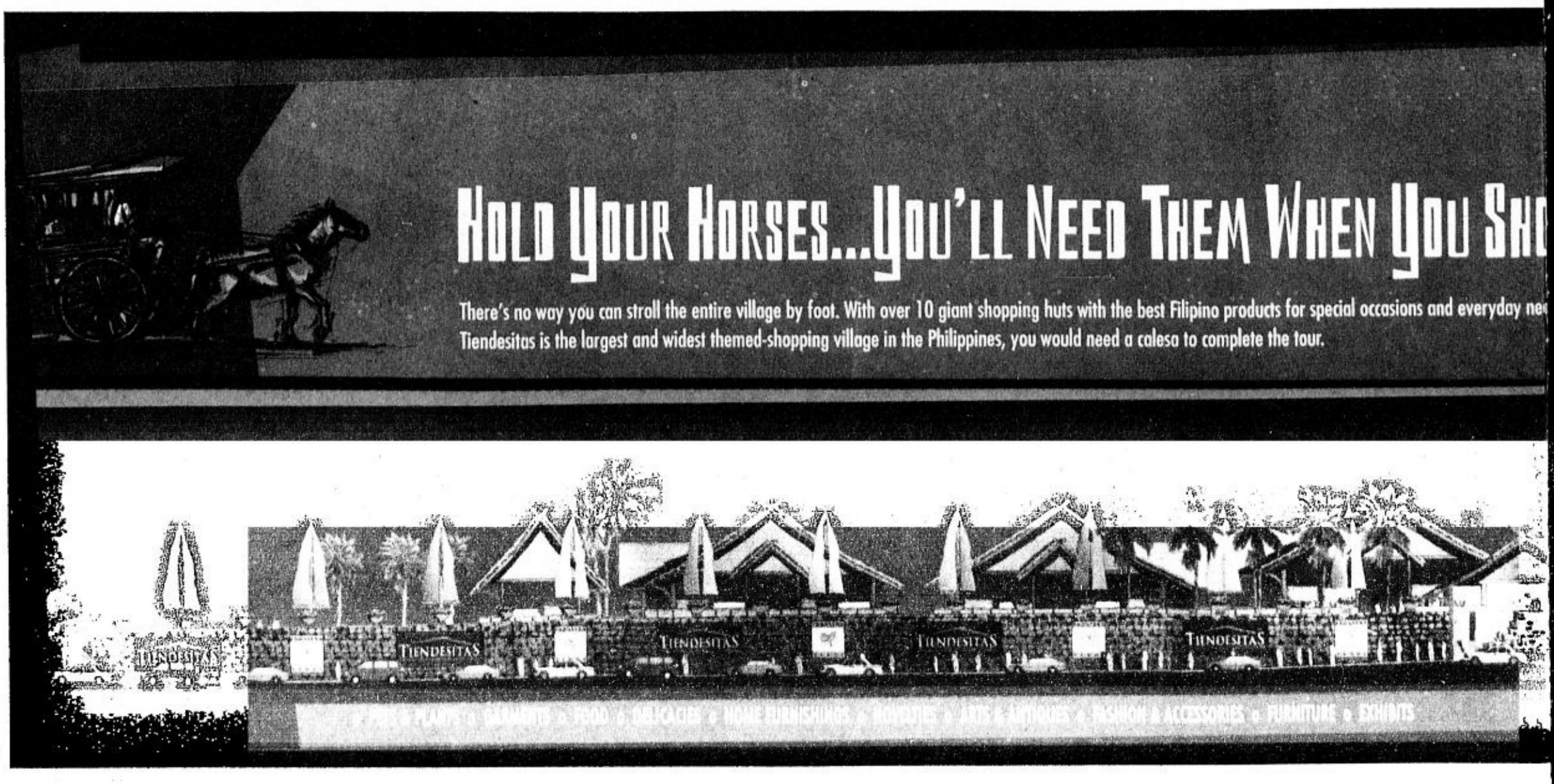

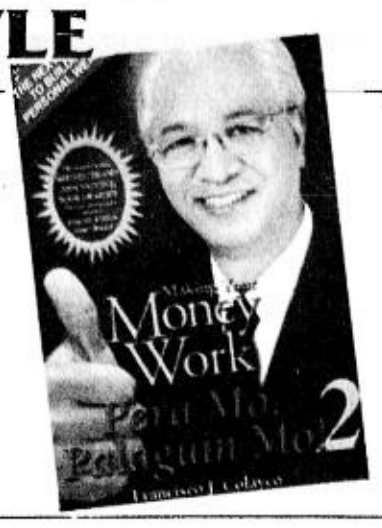

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YOJI Yamada's "Hidden Blade," the opening film of Cinemanila 2005

Cinemanila's lineup of films

THE 2005 CINEMANILA WILL open on Oct. 12 with the screening of Yoji Yamada's "Hidden Blade," the follow-through to the veteran Japanese filmmaker's brilliant samurai drama, "Twilight Samurai," which was Oscar best foreign language film finalist last year.

"Hidden Blade" was nominated for the Golden Bear Award in the last Berlin International Film Festival.

The country's "Festival of Festivals," the Cinemanila International Film Festival will formally open at the Maynila Restaurant of the Manila Hotel at 6 p.m.

"Hidden Blade" will be screened afterward, at 9:30 p.m., at SM City in Manila.

Some of the titles to check out include:

"Clean" (2004, France), by Olivier Assayas. Maggie Cheung, in her Cannes-winning performance, essays the role of a woman torn between reaching for her dreams as a singer and facing reality with a dead husband and a son estranged from her. "Clean" follows Emily to Hamilton, Paris, London and San Francisco and in three languages (English, French and Cantonese), as she battles for a place in a world reluctant to forget the woman she has been and unwilling to accept her as the woman she longs to be. Awards include best actress winner, Cannes Film Festival 2004, Technical Grand Prize Winner, Cannes Film Festival 2004

"The King" (2005, USA), by James Marsh. Gael Garcia Bernal first gained international recognition in the film "Y Tu Mama Tambien." He exhibits his dramatic flair once again in the intense drama, "The King," He is Elvis Sandow, a 21-year-old in search of the father he never knew. The end unleashes violence and tragedy of truly biblical proportions. Awards: Un Certain Regard, Cannes 2005

"Untold Scandal" (2005, Korea), by E J-Yong. The country's notorious playboy, played by "Winter Sonata" heartthrob Bae Yong Joon, sets out to conquer the most virtuous woman in the land. Based on the novel "Les Liaisons Dangereuses," "Untold Scandal" is set in aristocratic 18th-century Korea at the end of the Chosun Dynasty. The temptress Lady Cho and the irresistible Jo-won play their games of seduction and deceit with the innocent Soh-ok and the virtuous Lady Sook as pawns.

"Joint Security Area" (2000, Korea), by Chan-wook Park. Said to be the biggest blockbuster in Korea, this thriller mines the historic tension between North and South Korea over activity in the JSA, the Joint Security Area, a region guarded by armies from both countries. The movie was nominated for the Golden Bear, Berlin International Film Festival, 2001.

"The Isle" (2000, Korea), by Kim Ki Duk. A dark fantasy that deals with the extremes of obsession, the vulgar energy that keeps such emotions intense to the point of sadomasochistic mutilation and the Shangri-La we all desire to find sexual bliss, yet retreat from as soon as we become familiar with it. Awards: Netpac Award-Special Mention Winner, Venice Film Festival 2000

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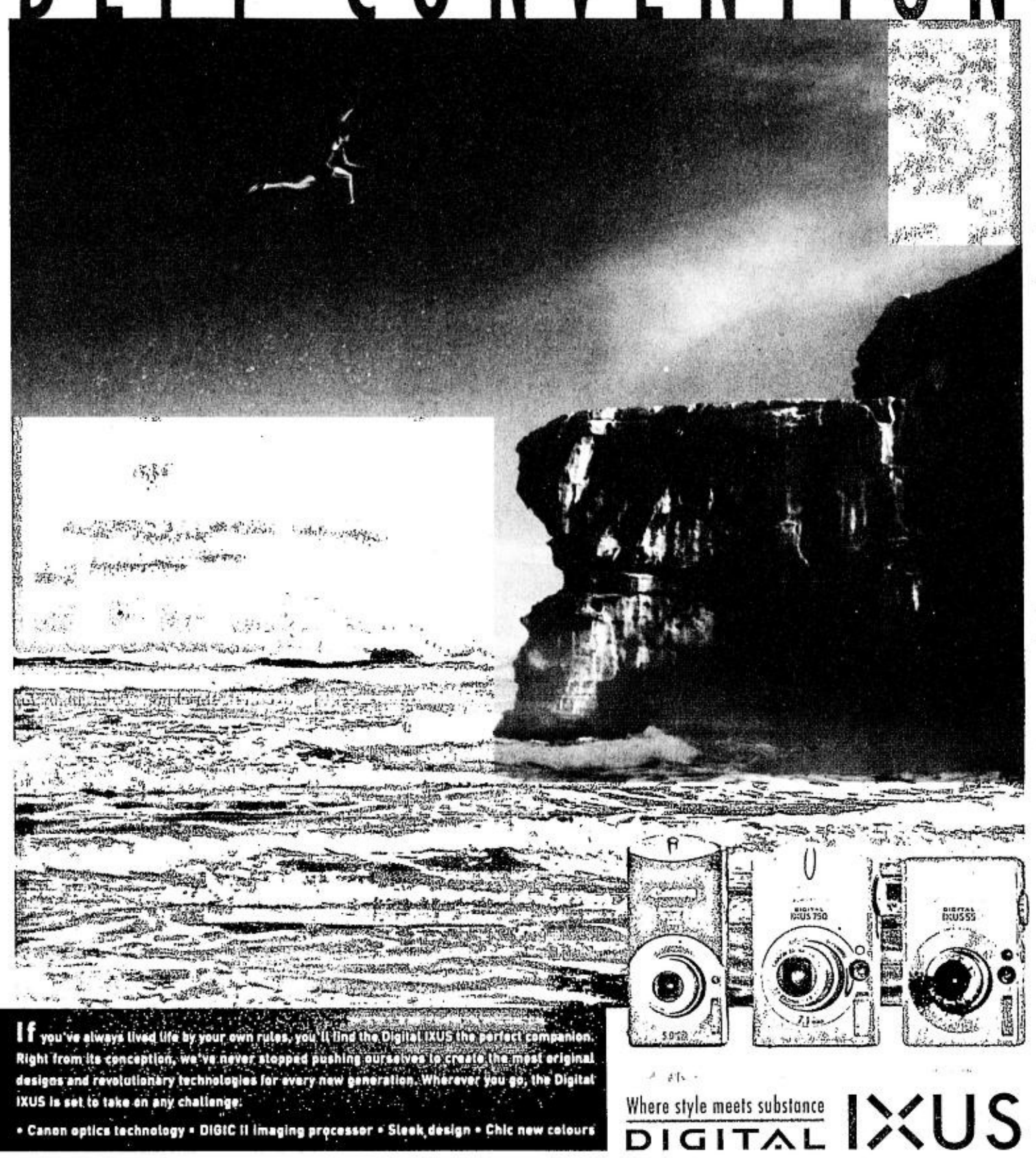

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SANG-SOO IM'S "The President's Last Bang"

Cinemanila's lineup of films

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USA), by Ang Lee. Awarded the Golden Lion at the Venice International Film Festival 2005. A raw, powerful story of two young men (played by Hollywood stars Heath Ledger and Jake Gyllenhaal), a Wyoming ranch hand and a rodeo cowboy, who meet in the summer of 1963 in the harsh, high grasslands of contemporary Wyoming and form an unorthodox yet life-long bond, by turns ecstatic, bitter and conflicted.

"Better Luck Tomorrow" (2004, USA), by Justin Lin. Never underestimate an overachiever. Produced by MTV Films, "Better Luck Tomorrow" tells the story of Ben, the perfect Asian-American high school teen. His life takes a sudden turn as he and his friends tumble into a downward spiral of excitement, excess, fun and lurking danger.

"Dear Wendy" (2005, Denmark), by Thomas Vinterberg. A story about a young loner Diwho lives in the poor mining town of Estherslope. When he happens upon a small handgun one day, he finds himself strangely drawn to it, despite his fervent pacifist views. Together with his newfound partner, he soon convinces the other young outcasts in the town to join him in a secret pacifist club—until they find themselves in a predicament where rules might have to be broken.

"Color Blossoms" (2004, Hong Kong), by Yonfan. Set in present-day Hong Kong, "Color Blossoms" uses the story of a love affair with sado-masochistic and transsexual elements to explore themes of desire, suffering, innocence and seduction.

"Taegukgi" (2004, Korea), by Je-gyu Kang. A drama about the fate of brothers forced to fight in the Korean War. Jin-Seok and his brother Jin-Tae, are young men who suddenly find themselves catapulted into a bloody world so different from their quiet, rural lives.

"War Photographer" (2001, Switzerland), by Christian Frei. In one of the world's countless crisis areas, surrounded by suffering, death, violence and chaos, photographer James Nachtwey searches for the picture he thinks he can publish. A film about a committed, shy man, who is considered one of the bravest and most important war photographers of our time.

"The President'S Last Bang" (2005, Korea), by Sang-soo Im. This black comedy recreates a private party held at the president's secret quarters on Oct. 26, 1979, where Kim Jae-kyu, then chief of the Korea Central Intelligence Agency shot and killed the president. The film was heavily censored in Korea, drawing massive protests from Korean filmmakers and freedom of speech activists.

Other titles to anticipate include Ousmane Sembene's "Moolaade," Mohamed Asli's "In Casablanca Angels Don't Fly" and the re-screening of Cinemanila classics such as Fernando Mereilles' "City of God", Niki Caro's "Whale Rider" and Elia Suleiman "Divine Intervention."

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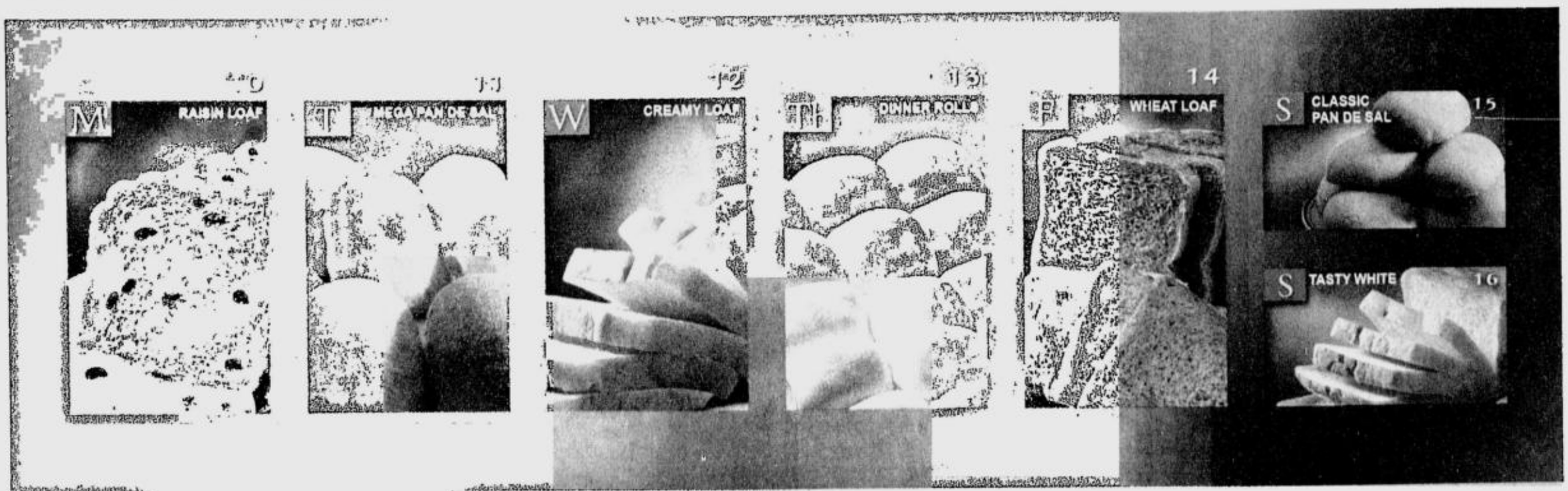

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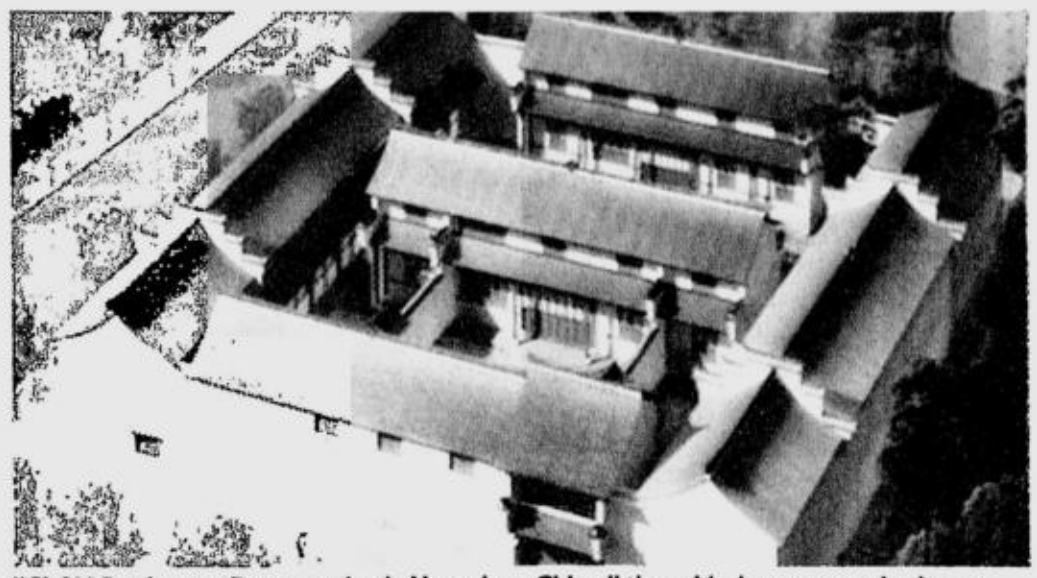

"CLAN Settlement Regeneration in Hangzhou, China," the gold winner, reuses heritage architecture with new structures to revitalize inner cities.

Philippines wins silver in international architecture contest

HOLCIM, THE MULTINAtional behind the local brands Union, Excel, Premium and Wall Right Cement, is a new name in Philippine industry but not around the world. Established in 1912 in Switzerland, the multinational company is the globe's largest cement producer, manufacturing cement in more than 70 countries.

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The Holcim Foundation runs parallel with the company's global operations. Its purpose is to inspire and encourage sustainability in architecture and environment.

Sustainability is a fluid concept. Some find social aspects pressing, while to others it is the environment that takes priority. Is it sustainable to build replaceable buildings that are designed to be demolished to make room for the new? Or should we design buildings to serve their purpose for as long as possible, and then reuse them for new purposes?

Innovation

Entries focused on innovation to achieve sustainability, with community participation, natural-resource management, and cost-effectiveness. Above all, each project improved the conditions of the locality where it was constructed.

Of about 1,500 entries submitted from all over Asia-Pacific region, China won the gold and $100,000. The Philippines garnered the silver and $50,000. The bronze and $25,000 went to Japan.

The gold, silver and bronze winners from the Asia-Pacific region earn a chance to compete against the top three winners in the Europe, North America, Latin America, and the Middle East-Africa regional competitions. The grand prize will be awarded in April 2006 in Bangkok; it is worth $900,000.

Of three Acknowledgement Awards given, two went to China and one to India.

Two Encouragement Awards were given to China, and another to the Philippines.

The Asia-Pacific Gold was awarded to the design for a "Clan Settlement's Regeneration in Hangzhou, China," an innovative urban regeneration project responding to the need to rejuvenate aging Chinese cities. The scheme integrates new housing and other community urban spaces within existing neighborhoods without the need of wholesale demolition or replacement of heritage structures.

By revitalizing old structures, using local materials, and returning to simple construction methods, the cost-effective project respects the living traditions of the city, proving that heritage is an asset in upgrading decayed urban environments.

Coral regeneration

An outstanding Philippine project by Diamond Marketing, a Cagayan de Oro team composed of Ernesto Peláez, Roland Rodriguez, Oscar Cinco and Lemuel Alfeche, "Concrete Substrates for Accelerated Coral Restoration" won the Silver Award.

"No coral, no fish," stated Alfeche, a marine biologist, when asked to summarize the pressing need for coral regeneration in the Philippines which reverses massive damage to coral and assures future livelihood to many small coastal fishing communities.

The team developed a simple, affordable and easy-to-construct system for regenerating coral. L-shaped concrete posts are cast on shore and then attached around a submerged central pylon. Live coral is attached to the spider-like structure called an acanthasia by its designers. As quickly as two years later, the regeneration of coral and marine life is dramatic.

The modest concrete structure, biologically compatible with coral because of calcium carbonate present in cement, offers a low-cost solution to the imperative need for coral regeneration.

The bronze winner from Japan, "Air Suit: Housing Renovation in Hiroshima," improves outdated living conditions in the inner city by renovating existing buildings rather than insisting on new construction, taking the enlightened view that urban recycling is benefi-

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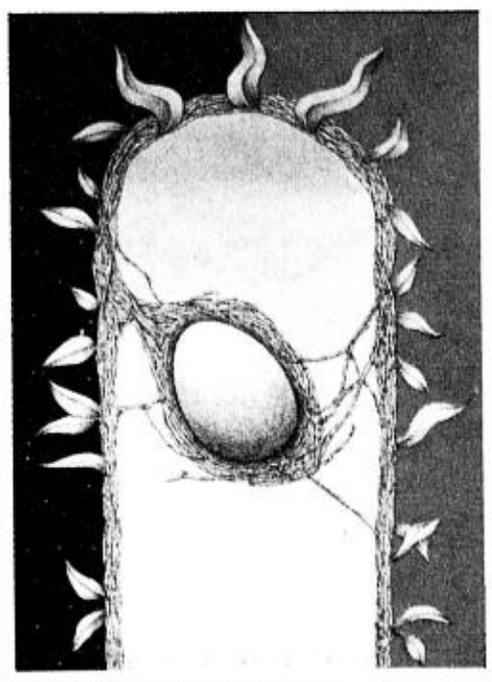

"UYAYI," by Salvador Ching

"PAROL," by Rex Tatlonghari

Artists unite for Christmas cards

THE YOUNG ARTISTS' Fund Project (YAFP) encourages private institutions to support the arts, particularly new talents.

Last year, it released a number of Christmas cards that became the vehicle for young painters to show their pieces alongside known names in the industry.

For this year, 12 artists will once more render Yuletide themes in a new collection of cards.

Each artwork, upon acquisition by a corporate sponsor, comes with 300 pieces of the Christmas card bearing the image of the work.

The 12 artists in this year's collections are Fatima Antonio, Aris Bagtas, Yveese Belen, Michael Cacnio, Salvador Ching, Farley del Rosario, Romeo Forbes, Alfred Galura, Wilfredo Offemaria, Bin Samonte, Jef Samonte, and Rex Tatlonghari.

YAFP 2005 culminates with an exhibit of all 12 works next month.

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"MAY Pasko Pa Rin," by Jef Samonte

"PASKO Na Namang Muli," by Aris Bagtas

The aesthetics of graphic design

By Constantino C. Tejero

ART based on mass media, popular culture and commercial advertising was gathering storm from the 1950s through the '60s, generating movements from Pop Art to New Realism, producing frontliners from Warhol to Lichtenstein, Wesselmann, Rosenquist, Richard Hamilton, Richard Estes.

Whether or not Jucar Raquepo is familiar with those artists' works, his kind of art-making is actually rooted in them. Fascinated by logos, stickers, advertising layouts, he often finds himself mulling over the possibility of making lasting art out of these disposable materials.

A recent development is his tinkering with auto detailing, particularly its use of stickers and other adds-on to enhance a car's appearance. This has led the artist to exploring the aesthetics of graphic design.

Consider "Artwork Detailing" 2, 17 pieces in oil and decals on canvas, until Oct. 13 in Galerie Astra, 2/F, LRI Business Plaza, 210 Nicanor Garcia St. (formerly Reposo), Makati City.

These appear at first as abstraction in primary colors and achromatic hues. But as one looks longer at the abstracted forms, the blocks of flat colors and precise lines assume a system of perspective. Then one recognizes linear structures on amorphous grounds, and tiny figures rendered in the primitivist style.

Each piece actually evokes the images of cars, racetrack, space, signage and semaphore one sees on the show "Raceday" on cable TV. Even the framing with rectangular borders and the illusion of convexity are made to evoke video monitors.

In the rendering, the pieces recall Ellsworth Kelly's use of pure defined color and resemble Stuart Davis' playful and dynamic interplay of form, line and depth in the ``Eggbeater" series: planes of flat solid colors, precise shapes, ambiguous perspective.

In the naïve figures of racing cars, they recall the ships and lighthouses of the British primitive Alfred Wallis. They look pudgy, like toys, sometimes like mushrooms, as a child would have drawn them.

The exhibit also incorporates an interactive installation called "Endless Passion, No Finish Line." It consists of a miniature racetrack, remote-control toy cars, sounds blasting from boombox speakers and amplifiers attached to a car battery.

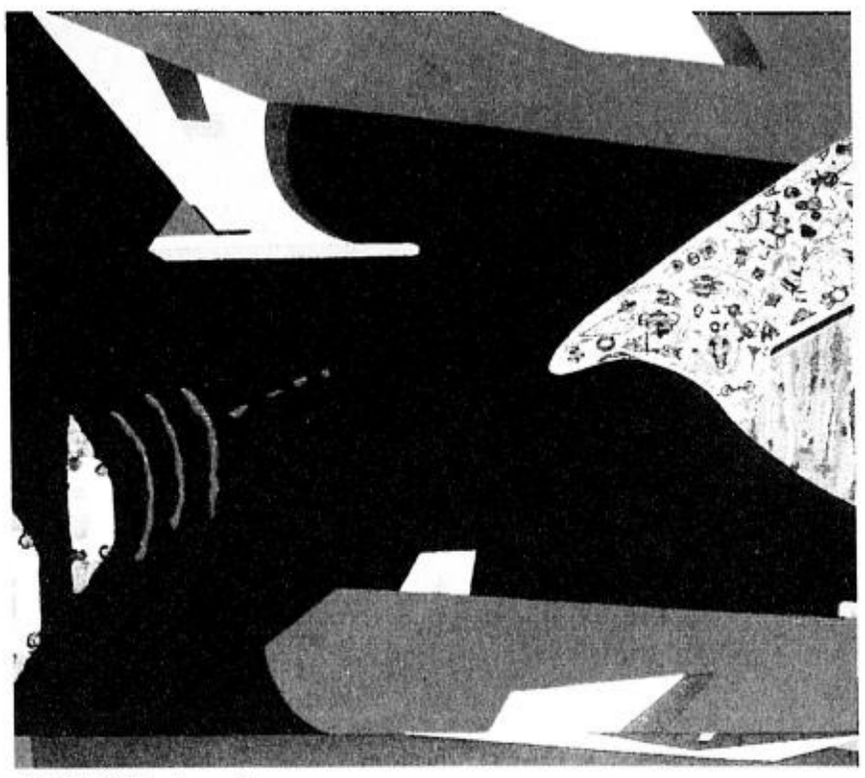
This is juvenilia but it serves well the exhibit's theme. That is, it contextualizes the paintings, which, otherwise, would have been lost on some viewers not familiar with car racing.

Raquepo took up Studio Arts, major in Painting, at University of the Philippines. Artists he admires include Kelly and Thomas Nozkowski.

This is his eighth solo exhibit, and one can see he is becoming an accomplished colorist. His use of solid rich primaries is deliberately made to evoke car stickers and decals, signal flags and lights, and actual colors of Formula 1 cars such as Ferrari and Renault.

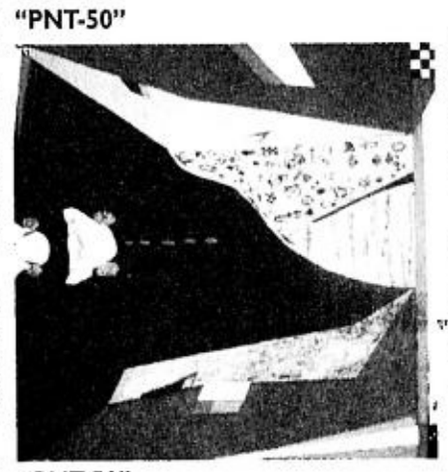
His experimentation with form and perspective is fresh and daring. The fusion of the abstract and the figurative is seamless, one wouldn't be able to categorize it at first. The spatial relationship in each image is complex, the viewer wouldn't know where he's entering or exiting.

In other words, here is another artist who should be watched out for.



"PNT-53," by Jucar Raquepo

"PNT-50"



"PNT-51"

"HOUSING Renovation in Hiroshima," bronze winner, recycles existing structures

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cial on both ecological and economic levels.

The solution retrofits outdated building interiors, adds balconies along front and rear façades and wraps them in woven material, providing insulation and an air lock that controls summer and winter temperatures.

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The Holcim Awards charts an emerging direction in global sustainability. At first it was simply an architectural-awards program, but the range of submissions went beyond the limits of the profession.

The range of entries, some complex and others utterly simple, are all products of collaboration including teams of architects, engineers, industrial designers, environmentalists, historians, researchers, urban planners, and educators, stressing that sustainability is a multidisciplinary effort requiring the input of individuals with different specialties and capabilities.

Heritage was a recurring theme. Although a majority of schemes submitted for either housing or urban regeneration were premised on the preservation of architectural and cultural heritage, none viewed heritage as nostalgia but instead took heritage forward as the basis for the future of cities and for improving local quality of life.

The Holcim Awards sends the very strong signal that global citizens should be conscious of preserving their individual, national heritage while keeping their local environment intact, because each of us is an essential component that must join the global effort to sustain our endangered world.

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Kulay artists at Hues, Barredo at Ayala, Amoncio at Fernando Artes

GALLERIE HUES PRESENTS FOR ITS INAUGURAL exhibit on Oct. 12, 6 p.m., the works of Kulay artists Honey Banal, Remy Boquiren, Monn Cañeza, Ige Concepcion, Chie Cruz, Cris Cruz, Amble Flores, Armida Francisco, Luis Gabriel, Bong Gojar, Jose Ibay, Ben Infante, Norly Meimban, Ernie Patricio, Andy Pernia, Noel Rile, Roland Santos, Bing Siochi, Trio Tamayo, Sheila Tiangco, Elmer Torio, Andy Urag, Tam Urao, Lisa Villasenor and Lydia Velasco. Gallerie Hues is at MC Home Depot, Fort Bonifacio, Taguig.

VISUAL ARTS

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Barredo's "(In)visible" will open on Oct. 13 at the Ayala Museum. Barredo's new works are kinetic; they are made of found objects such as conveyor belts, nylon thread, tires, chandeliers, eviscerated

THE UNIVERSITY of Asia and the Pacific's Entrepreneurial Management Program is holding "Admirable Beauty," an exhibit featuring 60 works from top contemporary artists, including Tam Austria, Mario Parial (whose work is above), Nunelucio Alvarado, Lydia Velasco, Julius Limpe, Dennis Filart, Dominic Rubio, Bayani Ray Acala, Vincent Padilla, Joy Chua, Alan Malunes. The show runs until Oct. 16.

LEYTE-BORN Felix Amoncio presents his recent works at Galeria Fernando Artes, Casa Susana, Casa Vicente, Alabang Town Center, until Oct. 15.

SCULPTOR Gabriel Barredo

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plano, spandex, pipes, film strips and electric fans. The exhibit runs until Nov. 6.

COBIE Cruz will hold his second one-man exhibit "Rainscape" on Oct. 11-26, at the Finale, 4/F, LaO Center, Pasay Road cor. Makati Avenue, Makati City. The expressive abstractions hint at cityscapes and landscapes under veils of rain.

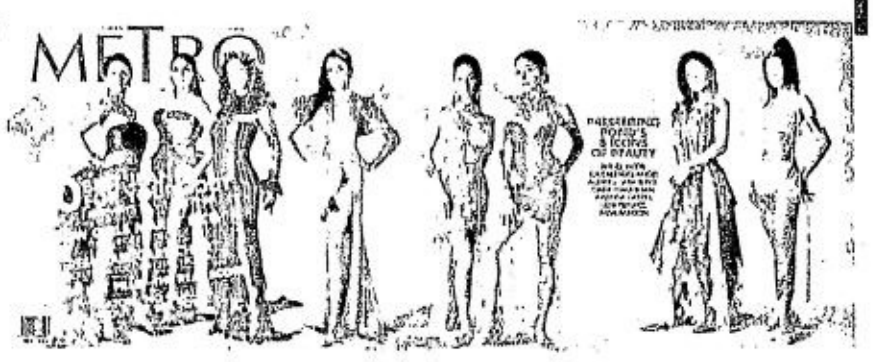
CARLOS Filart will hold a solo exhibit of new works, "Magical Journey," from Oct. 11-23, at The Crucible Gallery, 4/F, Building A, SM Megamall, Mandaluyong City. Filart explores new territory by depicting psychedelic visions. Call 6356061.

JON Torres's "Tao Po" is his first one-man exhibit of large- and medium-scale oil paintings at Pintō Art Gallery (1 Sierra Madre Grandheights, Antipolo City) on Oct. 16-Nov. 18. The artist presents witty realist paintings on the lifestyles of the rich and the poor. Call 6971015.

THE NATIONAL Commission on Culture and the Arts, through its Committee on Art Galleries, will hold a forum on the history of art galleries in the Philippines, titled "Ang Pagtatanghal ng Sining," on Oct. 15, 3 p.m., at the Metropolitan Museum of Manila. Tessie Luz, Norma Liongoren, Aracell Salas and Bobi Valenzuela will serve as resource speakers in the discussion to be moderated by art critic Cid Reyes. The forum commemorates the Museum and Galleries Month this October. Call 5211517.

RICCO-RENZO Galleries and Caffe on Nicanor Garcia St., Makati City, is holding its second anniversary with the theme of reinvention and celebration. A month-long, 10-percent discount on food, artworks and functions awaits everyone.

October mag reads



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Fashionable beauties Angel Jacob, Iza Calzado, Angel Aquino, Sara Black, Ciara Marasigan, Amanda Griffin, Geni Psinakis and Rissa Samson grace the cover as the ageless beauties leading Pond's Youthopia Crusade.

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Pink's third anniversary issue features a Harry Potter special, with Emma Watson on the cover and exclusive photos of the "Harry Potter and the Goblet of Fire," and a pin-up photo of cutie Daniel Radcliffe.

StarStudio celebrates two of the biggest stars in the country today: Bea Alonzo and the housemates of the hit reality show, "Pinoy Big Brother." Other features include Erik Santos' house, celebrity *retoke* stories, and the real score between Heart and Echo.

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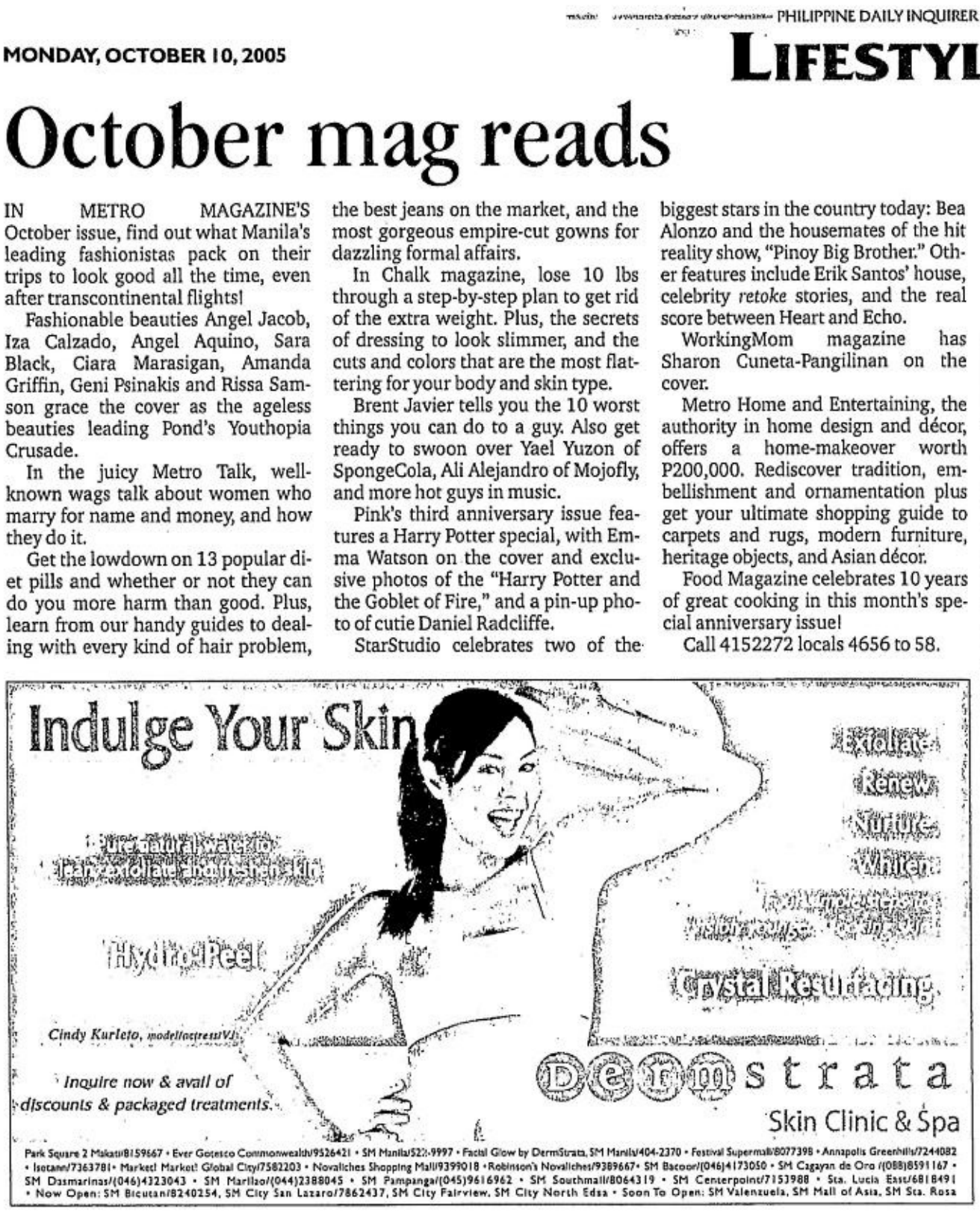

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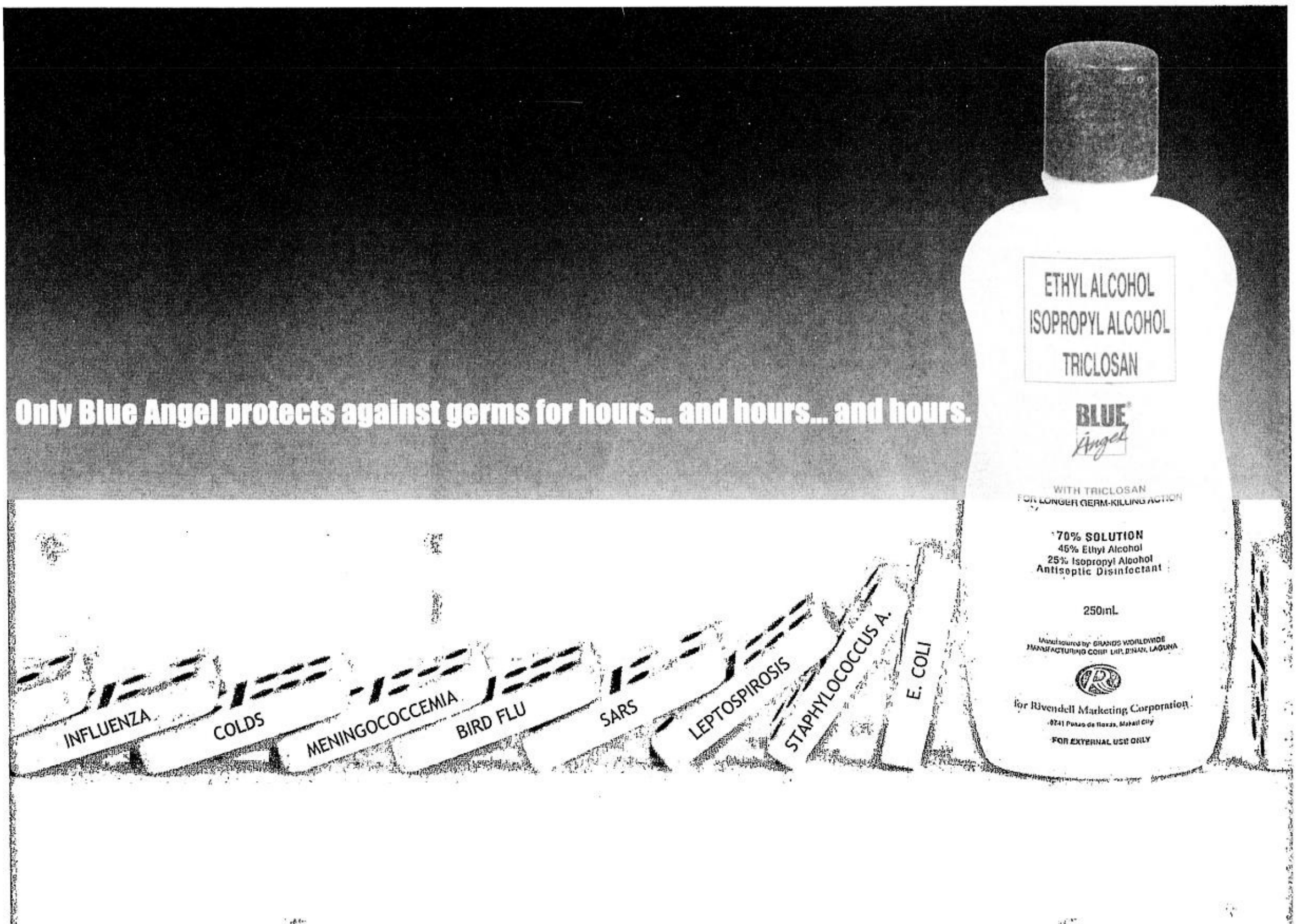

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Asian art fellowship

FILIPINO grantees hold exhibit: (front) Kat Palasi, Nana Buxani, Raymond Panaligan, Ethel Villafranca and Noel Cuizon; (back) José Legaspi, Sid Hildawa, Amiel Roldan, Paul Pfeiffer, Irma Lacorte, Patrick Flores and Don Salubayba.

By Antonio C. Hila
Contributor

ART GRANTEES OF THE ASIAN Cultural Council Philippines (ACCP) are holding an exhibit, "Retroactive," at the Main Gallery of the Cultural Center of the Philippines until Oct. 15 to raise funds for the ACCP.

On sale are current works as well as those done during the period of their grants.

Curator Patrick D. Flores says the exhibition explores issues of exchange and exposure in contemporary art practice. It is "an open studio, with artists sharing intricacies of residency abroad and reliving experience at home. These come in the form of stories about things made, foreign dwellings temporarily possessed, friendships and knowledge cherished, techniques explored, oeuvre deepened."

Four important figures in Philippine modern art—National Artist José Joya, Roberto Chabet, Rod. Paras Perez and Leonidas Benesa—provide the impetus to the exhibit.

They have provided crucial directions in the Philippine modern art: Joya in abstraction; Chabet in conceptual experimentation; Paras Perez in print-making; and Benesa in art criticism. They provide varied paths in contemporary art as reflected in the works of the younger generation of grantees.

Those whose works are on sale are Paul Pfeiffer, Noel Cuizon, Kat Palasi, Raymond Panaligan, Sadhana Buxani, Alan Rivera, Amiel Roldan, Don Salubayba, Irma Lacorte, Jojo Legaspi, Nona Garcia and Gary Ross Pastrana.

The fund drive, says Tess Rances, program representative of ACCP, is the first such venture of the ACCP in Asia. It was the result of an idea hatched some years back when the grantees thought of expanding creative exchange in Asia.

The original idea was to include the works of other Asian grantees in all fields. But it was eventually narrowed down to the visual arts to get things started.

The fund drive is a modest expression of the grantees' gratitude to ACCP, says Rances. The ACCP, she adds, also accepts donations from individuals and corporate entities. The grantees says the ACCP fellowship has brought about a lot of opportunities, on top of broadening their artistic horizons.

The Asian Arts Council (AAC) was established 41 years ago. It is dedicated to supporting exchanges in the visual and performing arts between Asia and the United States. It awards grants to artists, scholars, and other art professionals from Asia for research, study and creative work in the United States.

The ACC's grants program, says AAC director Ralph Samuelson, is the institutional expression of John D. Rockefeller III's vision of the importance of cultural exchange in enhancing mutual understanding and promoting international goodwill and cooperation.

To date, AAC has provided grants to more than 300 artists, scholars, as well as educational and cultural institutions in the country.

In 2000, the AAC, in cooperation with the AAC Philippine Foundation in Manila, established the Philippine Fellowship Program to offer more opportunities for artists and scholars.

For school year 2005-2006, the ACCP has granted fellowships to Michael Eduria Bacol (visual arts), Maria Josephine Barrios (theater), Isidro Gomez Hildawa (arts management), Sunnie Clemen Noel (theater), Stephen Acabado (archaeology), Jun Cayron (archaeology) and Hiyas Alejo Hila (music).

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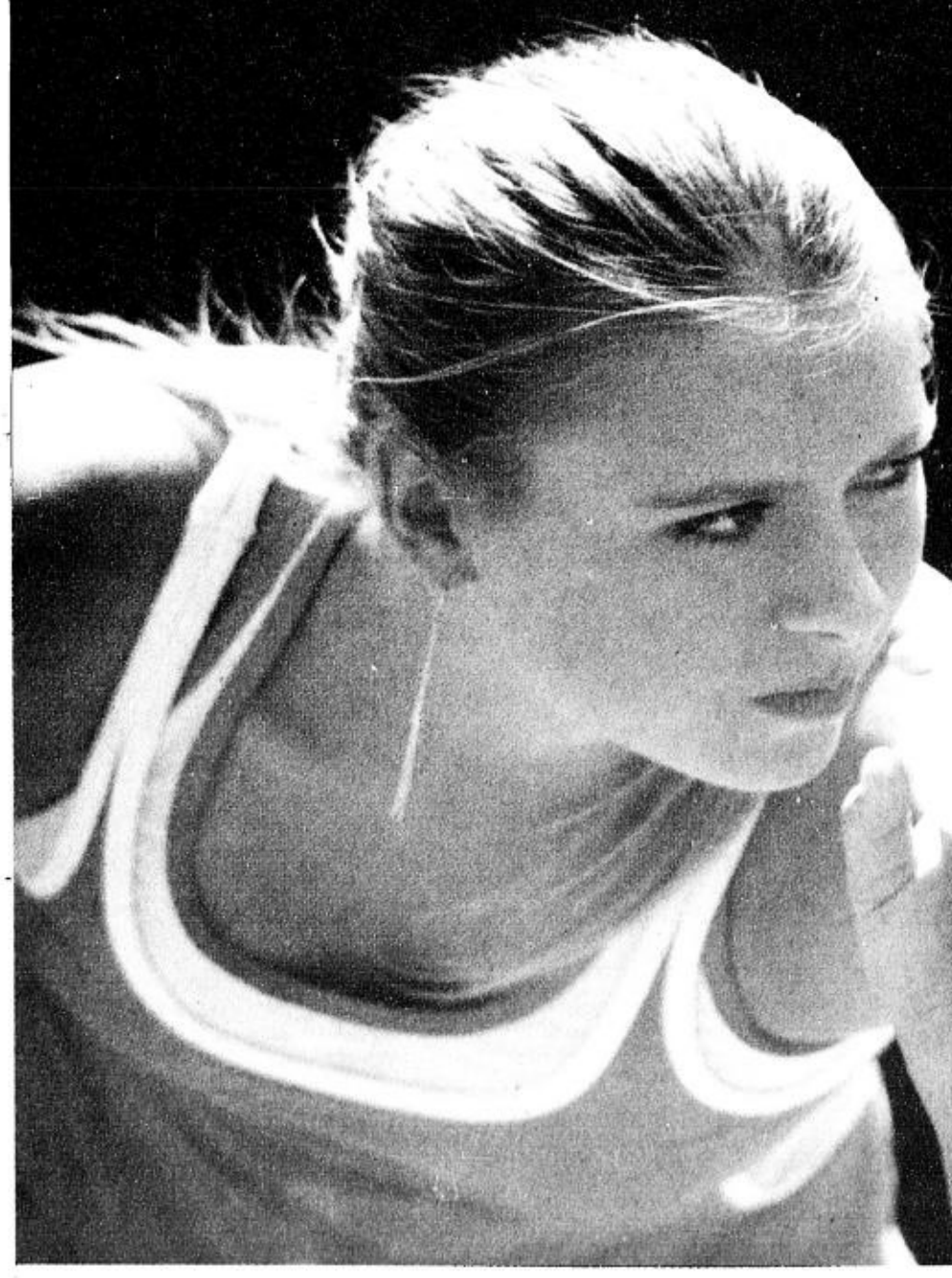

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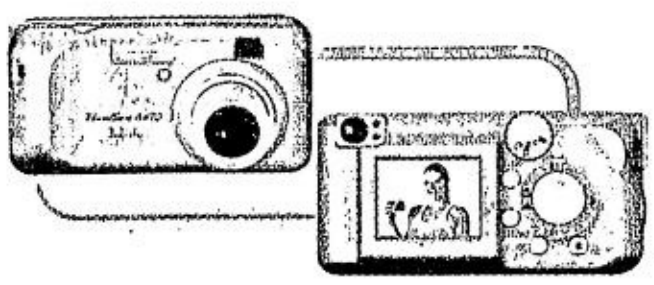

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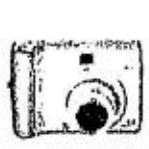
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